

LEWISHAM CCG
GOVERNING BODY PUBLIC PRE-MEETING
12 MAY 2016, 9.30-10.00am

From the Governing Body:

Dr Marc Rowland (MR), CCG Chair

Ray Warburton (RW), CCG Deputy Chair, Lay Member

Martin Wilkinson (MW), CCG Chief Officer

Dr David Abraham (DA), Senior Clinical Director

Dr Charles Gostling (CG), Clinical Director

Dr Seb Kalwij (SK), Clinical Director

Aileen Buckton (AB), Executive Director Community Services, LB Lewisham

Nigel Bowness (NB), Healthwatch representative

From the CCG:

Susanna Masters (SM), Corporate Director

Charles Malcolm-Smith (CMS), Deputy Director (Strategy & OD)

Sola Afuape (SA), Interim Head of Communications & Engagement

Nine members of the public attended

Question 1

How is the CCG taking account of issues that have recently been covered in the media nationally, including funding and pressure on services, and the appropriate discharge of patients?

CCG Response

As a CCG we focus on what we can do for our local population, for instance through the work we are undertaking with the local hospitals and council, which includes tracking and monitoring patient discharge, whilst working to ensure delays in discharge are reduced. We are establishing support processes to improve support for those requiring continuing health care, and have recently approved a business case for that.

The joint work across south east London in the Our Healthier South East London (OHSEL) programme is another way that we are addressing the pressures on funding and services.

Question 2

How can organisations that support refugees and migrants with physical and mental health issues work with the CCG?

CCG Response

Officers from the London Borough of Lewisham are co-ordinating the mechanisms for advice and support for organisations working in these areas.

The CCG is happy to attend meetings of local voluntary and community organisations to talk about what we can do. Please contact the CCG Public Engagement team at kaz.obuka@nhs.net.

Question 3

What is behind the eligibility criteria for shingles vaccinations? It is unclear for those over 70 and those over 80 years old. While it is not life threatening, it is a nasty condition to have.

CCG Response

The CCG recognises that eligibility is complicated for shingles vaccinations as it only applies for certain ages. The current guidance is that from September 2015, the shingles vaccine will be offered routinely to people aged 70 and, as a catch up, to those aged 78. There also arrangements in place for those who were eligible in the first two years of the programme but have not yet been vaccinated. Further information is available from NHS Choices <http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/pages/who-can-have-the-shingles-vaccine.aspx>.

The criteria are not set by the CCG but by Public Health England; they are likely to take into account evidence base for effectiveness, capacity and vaccine supply, not just finances.

In Lewisham we are keen to ensure that those who are eligible do receive the vaccination.

Follow-up Question

Could an individual who doesn't meet the eligibility criteria request the vaccination?

CCG Response

The practice would not be able to give the vaccination as under their contract they have to follow the national Public Health guidance.

Question 4

How can the CCG connect with and help local community organisations share good practice?

CCG Response

As with our previous response, we welcome the opportunity to meet with local voluntary and community organisations which can be arranged through the CCG Public Engagement team. We also work closely with Healthwatch in Lewisham to link with local groups and organisations.

In addition, we are currently setting up an online portal called Memberoo which help Lewisham groups to connect with each other on areas of common interest.

Question 5

How can support groups for those living with HIV be accessed, especially given Public Health cuts to funding?

CCG Response

GP practices can still be first point of contact and can signpost to the services that are available.

London Borough of Lewisham is contacting individual organisations to look at the issues and difficulties for these services where Local Authority funding is being reduced.

Question 6

GPs often charge for providing medical reports as part of immigration applications, which may be difficult for the individuals who need these reports. What can the CCG do about this?

CCG Response

GPs are not obliged to provide medical reports like these that are outwith their contracts. However, we will work with our practices to see if suitable local arrangements can be put in place.