



Meetings/events feedback form

Date of meeting: 2nd December 2010

Title of meeting: North Staffordshire PCT Individual Funding review (IFR) Policy Review Group

Audience: Group members

Staff: Commissioning and Redesign, Public Health, Medicines Management, Customer Services, Non Executive Directors

Key contact:

Linda Riley, Associate Chief Executive

Lesley Goodburn, Head of Community Relations

LINK representative(s) attending: Shelagh McKiernan

LINK representative completing feedback form: Shelagh McKiernan

Rationale (*Why are we attending the meeting event*). Note – if you are delivering a message/presenting re: what the LINK is about this needs to complement the standard presentation. If not provide details of message given.

The PCT had invited a member of the Link to act as a patient representative on the Group.

The aim of the group is to monitor the process of Individual funding reviews according to the policy.

This group relates to:

the IFR Panel which considers exceptional cases for funding, and any subsequent Appeal Panel

The Low Priorities Treatment Policy

The Individual Funding Review Policy

The Clinical Priorities Advisory Group

West Midlands Specialised Services Commissioning group

Shelagh took the opportunity to outline the purpose of Staffordshire Link and possible developments.

Link leaflets were distributed. A positive discussion ensued about how the PCT could engage appropriately with patients and the public in line with the commissioning cycle and ongoing developments.

What were the main issues to come out of the meeting/event from the LINK perspective? (*List between 1 and 6 bullet points would be helpful*).

- *The PCT (via Marcus Warnes, Deputy Director of Commissioning and Redesign) has to submit plans for the next 5 years by mid December and would welcome patient and public engagement on them (indeed it is required). Shelagh informed the group that 3 temporary link workers are being recruited to meet with Consortia, Providers, Patient Participation Groups and other Stakeholders to explore how to engage meaningfully with patients/public and feed into commissioning/improvement cycles.*
- *John Harvey (Consultant in Public Health) outlines the annual updating of clinical priorities whereby the PCT decides whether to fund clinical priorities or disinvest in low priority treatments. A scoring system is used, but must be aligned with affordability. GP consortia will be consulted and 2 stakeholder events will be held in the New Year.*

- *Update of IFR leaflets and website. The PCT has a reading Panel which is being invited to comment on the new leaflets for the IFR process and Appeal Process.*
- *John Harvey informed the Group about developments in Public Health in that the Dept of Health has published a new paper 'Healthy Lives, Healthy People' setting up Public Health England and Health Improvement Teams. Public Health England will be responsible for Health Protection and Emergency Planning. Health Improvement Teams will be employed by the Local Authority, but it is not yet clear where the current role of needs assessment and advising on Commissioning will sit. It is not clear on what evidence GP consortia will base their commissioning decisions.*

Action Points/How can the LINK help? *(Bullet points re: what, if any, requests for LINK help were received and from who plus who needs to follow up?)*

- Lesley Goodburn will raise the PCT plans and how link may contribute when she meets Jackie this week.
- Lesley Goodburn is liaising with Jackie on the stakeholder events on the prioritisation process in Newcastle and Leek.