

PCM Newsletter

September 2014

We hope you are refreshed after the summer and looking forward to autumn. The directors and Jane Durbin, our new administrator, have been working hard to get the company on a solid footing with a new shareholders agreement and adding new projects to our on-going work.

We have all practices in Central Manchester signed up to a valid shareholders agreement. This is a significant milestone in our development, and we are continuing to work on policies and other governance issues to ensure we are in the best position to win contracts and function effectively.

New projects for care homes and the homeless are near launch and we have identified other areas we hope will improve services for patients and bring in income to GP practices and fund our continued development.

We hope to see you all on the 17th September for our shareholder engagement meeting.

Shareholder's agreement

A valid shareholder's agreement has now been signed by all Central Manchester GP practices.

17th September shareholder engagement meeting

We are committed to representing our shareholders and pursuing the priorities of our shareholders. To this end we have arranged a meeting to share information and discuss priorities. This will be an informal meeting with food. We hope to see as many as possible of you there (more than one clinician / manager per practice are welcome).

Venue:

British Muslim Heritage Centre, College Road, Whalley Range, M16 8BP.

Registration from 12, Lunch served from 12.30, close no later than 3pm.

Agenda:

1pm. Introduction and update

1.15pm. Break into groups to discuss the questions below in rotation.

How should PCMLtd work with partners such as CMFT, GTD or mental health trusts?

What should our relationship with practices be?

What should our priorities be?

How do you want to develop the relationship between PCMLtd and the practices?

2.20pm. Sharing points from our discussion.

3pm. Close.

Care homes project

We have been granted funding for a partnership project with CMFT. Practices will be given significant extra funding to provide additional input to nursing and residential homes and will be supported by additional nurses and medicines management pharmacists. We have been able to get a much improved level of funding compared to the previous nursing home LES by improving the model of care and negotiating on behalf of practices. Practices that expressed an interest will aim to start 1st October 2014. Initially this pilot project will run for 6 months with good prospects of continued funding. Tim Greenaway will be the clinical lead for this project.

Homeless project

This project is in development but we hope to start in the next few weeks. We have enlisted Gerry O'Shea as the clinical lead for this project.

Other projects

Mental health services

We are talking to interested parties about the future of mental health services in the city and how we can position our company to provide parts of this service if the opportunity arises. We hope to work with a lead provider and the GPPOs in North and South Manchester to put together a bid that maintains the parts of the service that work well and provides new solutions and priorities where they are needed. Our aim is to be the provider of the parts of this service that can best be provided in primary care in Central Manchester.

Phlebotomy

Negotiations with CMFT continue about a better way to organise and deliver adult and children's phlebotomy services across Central Manchester. The complex mix of historic funding arrangements and services is a

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challenge to navigate in order to create an effective equitable service but we continue to explore the possibilities.

Representing Central Manchester Primary Care

We are continuing to attend committees including:

Central Manchester Provider Partnership

Central Manchester Integrated Care Board

Central Manchester CCG Engagement & Reference Group

Central Manchester Urgent Care Board

Manchester LMC & Tri-Manchester GPPOs

To try to be a voice for primary care and to understand the changes, challenges and opportunities primary care faces.

Next steps

We continue to explore other possible partnerships with local healthcare organisations.

We see the ideal future as one where there are strong GPPOs in each CCG area and we are collaborating with neighbouring GPPOs to share knowledge and participate in joint projects including those around mental health services.

If you would like to be involved in developing one of the services mentioned or you have an idea for a project or service that we should consider, then please get in touch at pcm.enquiries@nhs.net or directly with any of the directors below.

Best wishes,

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