

Enfield Unity PCN

PPG Meeting Minutes

Meeting	PPG Meeting
Date and Time	November 19 th 2019 6pm
Location	Lincoln Road Surgery

Present

Name	Site/Organisation
Tracy Kocabali	Unity PCN Operations Manager
Vivien Kentish	Medicus Health Partners
Dr Sarit Ghosh	Unity PCN Clinical Director
Dr Ujjal Sarkar	Unity PCN Clinical Director
Mrs Janice Downing	PPG Chair Medicus Health Partners
Mrs June Armitt	PPG Chair Nightingale Surgery
Mr John Hill	PPG Chair Oakwood Medical Centre
Mr Chris Patel	PPG Bounces Road Surgery

Apologies

Name	Site/Organisation
Dr Chimere Aka	Unity PCN Clinical Director

		Action
1. Welcome	<p>Vivien Kentish welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>The members introduced themselves.</p>	
2. Primary Care Networks	<p>Vivien and Dr Ghosh gave an overview of Unity PCN, our priorities and configuration</p>	Tracy to distribute slide presentation with the minutes
3. Questions	<p>There is reimbursement for the following staff groups at the moment; Clinical Pharmacists and social prescribers</p> <p>JA raised that social isolation is a problem- Dr G explained that the social prescribers will be helping with this.</p> <p>Dr S agreed that loneliness is recognised among the 'high intensity users' there is a project in the pipeline to address this group.</p> <p>JA felt that too much emphasis is placed on using on-line services and digital self-help. Many patients do not have access to computers.</p> <p>Mr P asked if PCN will be working with social services- Dr G explained that the social prescribers will act as a link between health and social care as well as the voluntary sector.</p> <p>Mr P asked where the funding is coming from- Dr G explained there is centralised funding for the PCN and also some funding for the practices to enable them to engage.</p> <p>Mr P asked what is happening with the clinical commissioning groups (CCG's)- Dr G explained that the 5 north central London CCGs are merging to provide efficiency savings.</p> <p>Mr H asked what benefits patients will see from PCNs- Dr S gave an example of how Medicus practices working together have been able to employ Paramedics, Clinical Pharmacists, Physicians Associates and Advanced Nurse Practitioners. This means that GP's are able to focus on the patients that need them the most. Patient satisfaction with these associated professionals is proving to be very high.</p> <p>JA asked if the PCN is working with the local hospitals- Dr S confirmed that we are starting to build these important relationships</p>	

4. Next Steps	<p>Members agreed to act as Ambassadors for the PCN, to help us look at the how and why of developing services on a large scale.</p> <p>Agreed to have quarterly meetings, to invite the pan Enfield PPG members and the over 50's forum.</p> <p>Next Meeting- End of February 2020 (date TBC)</p>	<p>Tracy to send minutes to all practice managers to share with their PPG and to encourage attendance at the next meeting</p>
5. Close	<p>Dr Ghosh thanked everyone for attending</p>	