

Purpose

Barking and Dagenham PCT has developed a more localised approach to the provision of services, to encourage the development of innovative and effective services that more efficiently use the strengths of both the independent contractors and the directly managed workforce through a closer working relationship. The PCT is also keen that practices explore practice based commissioning on a locality basis, as this will allow economies of scale and encourage the development of primary/community based services that can be sensitive to the requirements of different practices and their populations.

The PCT has now agreed boundaries for three localities; North, West and East. These are coterminous with the locality boundaries used by the social services directorate in the local authority. This allows for the possibility of the development of a fourth locality in the south when the new population move in with the Thames Gateway development.

Locality Meetings

Meetings are held every two months in each locality, and are in two parts; -

Part 1 has the following invitees:

- GP representative and practice manager from each practice
- Practice nurse representation, if they wish

This will be expanded to include representation from social services and lay members in due course.

Part 2 will also have invitees from community pharmacy, general dental, therapy and optometry services. The aim is to bring these two parts together in the fullness of time.

Leads for each locality

These meetings will be chaired by the PEC GP lead and supported by a non GP PEC clinician and the locality healthcare manager. Until the appointment process for the latter is complete, other representatives from the Primary Care and Community Services Directorate will fulfil this role.

	North	East	West
GP Lead	Dr Asma Moghul	Dr Chandra Mohan	Dr Rao Goriparthi
Non GP PEC Clinician	Marianne Hearsom	Jill Broadley	Surinder Kalsi
Locality manager	Angie McGonnell	Joseph Lindo	Thenjiwe Ncube
Location	Becontree Avenue	Urswick Medical Centre	Thames View

The meetings are not held during routine surgery times, but practice representatives are reimbursed for their time for attending these meetings.

Subjects for discussion

The localities are encouraged to select their own topics for discussion, to meet the needs of the local area. In the shorter term, the main focus has and will be on the following areas:-

- **Practice based commissioning**
 - Scrutinising out-patient referral rates and exploring ways of both reducing them and developing primary/community based services.
 - More effective management of diagnostics in the community.
 - What can effectively be undertaken more efficiently in a community setting before referral takes place.
 - Exploring different ways of managing long term conditions.
 - How to put additional primary/community service in place which will maintain people with complex/multiple/unstable chronic disease in a community setting rather than be admitted to hospital.

- **Provision of GMS/PMS services to the population**
 - Provision of additional services in the locality
 - Exploring what and how other enhanced services can best be provided in a community setting.
 - Joint recruitment in areas where part time recruitment is proving difficult
 - Options to resolving patient registration issues.

- **Wider issues**
 - The future provision of services, following the release of *Commissioning a patient-led NHS*.
 - Addressing national and local targets, and core standards.
 - Identifying how localities can address key health inequalities in their area
 - Expanding patient and public involvement in the decisions that are made about health service provision in the local area.

These forums will act as an opportunity for local primary care providers to identify what support is required from both each other, as well as from the PCT and other key stakeholders.

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