

Care Professionals Board

Key messages from 29 June 2018

The role of the Care Professionals Board (CPB) is to provide clinical and care professional leadership and assurance to the Lancashire and South Cumbria shadow Integrated Care System (called Healthier Lancashire and South Cumbria) ensuring it develops clinically robust, evidence-based proposals for system wide care models. The chair of the board is Dr Andy Curran, Medical Director for Healthier Lancashire and South Cumbria.

Three key messages

The Care Professionals Board members agreed that going forward three key messages will be taken from each meeting to support communications and engagement at a local level. It was agreed that Board members will need to take ownership of these messages and take responsibility to share these within their organisations.

The Care Professionals Board supported the 'Advice and Guidance' system, developed in Morecambe Bay, to be deployed for Cancer pathways. CPB recommended that it should also be used across other pathways by April 2019. The system offers the opportunity for GPs to hold a secure electronic 'conversation' with a hospital specialist to obtain real time advice about a patient's condition. This can often enable a patient to be managed under the care of their local GP rather than being referred to hospital.

The Care Professionals Board supported the progression of the policy for the management of varicose veins and the policy for commissioning photorefractive surgery for the correction of refractive error. Clinical engagement has already been undertaken for both policies, which will now progress to a phase of public engagement – look out for this on CCG and Healthier Lancashire and South Cumbria websites.