

Community health services procurement – Speed dating stakeholder event

To support the re-procurement of adult community health services, NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) invited stakeholders to a further event on 9th December 2015. Attendees included local/national providers, health/social care organisations and voluntary groups from the West Lancashire community.

What was our focus?

This event was a follow-up to the bidder event which took place on 30th September 2015. It provided a further opportunity for the CCG to present its vision for joined up care, to update on recent progress with the procurement process which included scope and also for the various organisations present to engage in discussions and network

Events such as these are crucial to ensure people get an opportunity to share their views and listen to others. However, they form part of a far wider engagement process which includes conversations with our local community and a survey inviting views and experiences from various groups including GP practices, patients and incumbent staff.

What was the format of the day?

Following an opening and welcome from the CCG's Chairman Dr John Caine and a presentation from our chief nurse Claire Heneghan, the majority of the afternoon focused on the purpose of the event; to get all the organisations engaging in discussions. Initially, this was in the form of Speed Dating. With some scientific workings out behind it (!) the organisations within the room got the opportunity to rotate across various tables so that by the end of the exercise everyone had met everyone and listened to each other describing what it is that their organisation does and importantly, what impact it has.

Aided by a timer and a countdown clock which was used in the rotation we collectively managed to keep to time!

After a break, there was then a marketplace which provided organisations and attendees the opportunity to informally network and ask any questions of each other which may have arisen from the Speed Dating exercise



What feedback did we get?

'Great day mixing with both small and large organisations'

'The speed dating went very well'

'Very informative'

What is next?

Thank you for your attendance and/or interest in our speed dating event. We appreciate the time taken out of your day to attend and continue on this procurement journey alongside us.

Following the event, we will continue to capture your views via various means, and in late January 2016 will evaluate any responses obtained from the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ)

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