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### **Clinical Letter Template**

Delays still occur with the implementation of the Clinical Letter Template by RWT.

### **Peer Review**

WCCG report pleasing progress with group practices who are working through expectations.

### **Risk Stratification**

This initiative is still currently on hold.

### **WCCG Update**

*QoF Plus* – Draft document shared with LMC and agreed. Data will be collected at the end of April 2018 but work should continue up to that point as well.

*Safeguarding Reports* – WCCG confirm discussions continue to revise the current form which will be shared with practices once available.

*Home Visiting Pilot* – Clinical Reference Group discussions reveal the pilot will be ready to commence from late April 2018 for six months, pending recruitment of new staff to provide the services. WCCG confirm that seven practices have expressed an interest and anticipate a start in early May. Rapid Response service will continue alongside and in addition to the GP Home Visiting Service.

*Enhanced Services* – Discussions continue at Clinical Reference Group, LMC have advised that they are undertaking their own piece of work to revise costings.

*On-line Consultations* - WCCG updated confirming the ££ had been received equipment purchased and a Project Manager appointed. The pilot should be up and running by end of March, early April 2018. Interest has been expressed and gave examples of practices with high volume of Care Homes. Three-way Consultations may assist practices manage down the number of visits/queries with the use of iPads and Laptops for this initiative. Also intend to introduce at Hub level.

*Wound Care Service* – WCCG have undertaken a review of the current provisions, the next steps are for WCCG Chair to discuss with Group Leads the appetite for an end to end pathway being delivered by General Practice or to re-procure the service.

*Public Health Services Commissioning Gap* – LMC raised concerns with WCCG for the cease of Smoking Cessation Service and the difficulties GPs face with patients currently on a programme to stop smoking. John Denley was due to present at Team W the following day and suggested invitation of Public Health Director to deliver update to LMC at a future meeting.

*Pneumonia Specification* – Discussions continue at Clinical Reference Group however, WCCG confirmed that 5 year boosters can be claimed for under the existing DES but this will be strengthened.

### **GPFV Update:-**

*Care Navigation Training* – WCCG confirm training delivered and implementation commenced in February, a further 50 licenses purchased to enable more staff to be trained.

*Practice Manager Training* – Details of training available along with Practice Manager Diploma Course.

*For queries, comments, observations and views regarding the contents of the Newsletter, feel free to contact LMC Officers.*

## **GPVF Oversight Group**

WCCG confirmed the draft specification for Document Management had been prepared and ready to share with LMC. A tender process is anticipated to commence in April 2018. The spend was outlined for Training Assistant and Care Navigation as £46k for next year however document management was likely to cost much more than that and may require non-recurring funding from other funding streams to enable the project to continue.

## **Trauma & Orthopaedic Referrals**

RWT confirm that urgent referrals for Trauma and Orthopaedics are always through Accident & Emergency.

## **Care Query Process**

Please find attached the combined letter to be used in place of the old BMA template letters when the Trust sends unfunded work into General Practice in breach of the NHS Standard Contract. Please note this is a simplified process to reduce bureaucracy and has been agreed with WCCG and RWT. You will not need to report these issues through Quality Matters any longer.

## **Pharmacy Update**

LPC Chair reported the PNA consultation findings were no significant change in the provision of Pharmacy Services in the City as the population is adequately supported.

Further to a meeting with Optometrists, there is a need to improve the communication of the MECS scheme with all Opticians, Pharmacy contractors and GPs (especially inc Care Navigators).

Recovery Near You retained the Drugs and Alcohol Service. Early conversation with pharmacy contractors seems promising. Similar impact on GPs who provide Shared Care work in progress.

LPC have received document from Wolverhampton City Council for completion of GDPR, Supplier Self-Assessment. LMC Chair raised issues of consent and awaits GPC documentation which will be shared with other Representative Bodies. WCCG confirm this issue has been raised with NHSE.

Work continues for repeat prescriptions for re-ordering through EMIS.

List of Pharmacies providing Pharmacy First service has become difficult due to the sensitivity as CSU is the guardian of the data and have not disclosed the information. LPC wish to target pharmacies that do not provide the service. WCCG to commission the service from April 2018 and will therefore hold the CSU list. WCCG agreed this information should be available on WIN.

## **LMC AGM and Next Meeting**

The next meeting of LMC is the AGM and LMC meeting on Tuesday 27 March 2018. 7.00 pm for start of AGM and 8.00 pm for LMC business. Hot buffet served from 6.30 pm, all GPs welcome. Please find attached invitation for interest.

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