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Mental Health: Primary Care Counselling

WCCG confirm quality visit is to take place in order for a notes audit to be undertaken for referrals between RELATE and Healthy Minds. A back log of patients who have had their initial assessment and may be waiting for their sessions to commence at their preferred location. Relate are being encouraged to provide more sessions ie Woodcross so that the apparent backlog can be cleared. Patients also have a choice to attend other clinics ie their main site at Waterloo Road (where patients are seen quickly). RELATE provides a low level of counselling and discussions are concluding to enable referrals between Relate and Healthy Minds to prevent delays in waiting for treatment. Feedback will be shared with GPs to confirm when the patient has completed their course of treatment and/or no longer wishes to attend etc.

QoF+

WCCG confirmed QoF+ is live and sent to all GPs and Practice Managers on 30 June 2018, 86% of practices have signed up as of Monday 23 July. Template for Diabetes is currently being designed and codes are being verified for Alcohol & Obesity.

Indemnity Premiums - GPFV

WCCG informed LMC allocation of payment was yet to be agreed with Group Leads. Examples of how funds could be allocated based on completion of care navigation training and evidence actively applying this should suffice for each practice but improved access and online consultations required further consideration. High premiums for GPs may result when providing extra hours. Sarah Southall confirmed that guidance had been developed for pilot sites emphasising the need for appropriate indemnity cover.

Physician Associate

WCCG advised that a presentation from a PA Ambassador was planned at the Members Meeting as a number of PAs are ready to recruit. Attached are the slides for information.

Pharmacy Update

LPC Chair informed members of the eRD process when changes are made in dosage or treatment, which is not considered for RD. Patients with changing dose regimes are NOT suitable for eRD.

Once GP staff have been trained, there is a form community pharmacy can use to recommend suitable eRD patients to practice.

LPC is currently working with WCCG on the messaging - transfer of information (removing/adding free text) and envisage this can be shared on EMIS system to simplify the printing of prescriptions.

Pharmacists are being commissioned to deliver flu vaccinations to improve uptake as Public Health in Wolverhampton reveal the City is in the bottom 25% nationally. LPC wish to support practices and as patients visit pharmacies on a regular basis, vaccines could be administered at the same time. WCCG suggest practice groups could offer service at weekends.

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

WCCG Update

Safeguarding Reports - WCCG confirm the process for claims are now coming through and a Sub Group is being set up by the Safeguarding Team to tackle the problem with perceived poor responses.

Advice and Guidance Service – WCCG confirmed this was being relaunched to include 11 services. Documents attached with more information at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AVtzoWDKKMY>

GPFV:

The Black Country STP has been identified as an intensive support site and plans have been submitted, funding in the region of £400k is anticipated very soon. Discussions with NHS England Regional Team have commenced to confirm assurance about the programme and how it will be delivered and a visit from the national team is due to take place mid-September. LMC invited to be involved with retention work and continue to meet with WCCG to support the schemes when launched. GP Clinical Lead also being appointed following expressions of interest.

Programme Director Role – Sarah Southall to commence this post mid-August 2018 for 2½ days a week. Work to involve leading on the 85 projects for the Black Country STP. Recruitment for Programme Manager also taking place.

Care Navigation – Second Cohort to go live in September 2018, READ codes have now been identified.

On line Consultation Pilot – Guidance is now in place for this pilot and issues have been identified.

International GP Recruitment – The Black Country are next in the queue hence recruits are anticipated towards Christmas, expressions of interest to Sarah Southall. Practices requested to notify WCCG of any vacancies and if they are prepared to take on international recruits, preferably training practices. It is anticipated that 57 new GPs will be attracted to the Black Country. A working group will be set up to support local delivery and work with the national/local teams.

LMC Annual Dinner to be held on the evening of Wednesday 5 September 2018 at The Mount Hotel Tettenhall Wood, Wolverhampton. Please find attached Application Form for interest, responses requested by **20 August 2018**.

LMC England Conference

LMC England Conference is being held on 23 November 2018 at London. Motions invited by Thursday 20 September 2018.

Next LMC Meeting

The next meeting of LMC is being held on Tuesday 25 September 2018 at 7.00 pm, hot buffet served from 6.30 pm; please inform LMC office in advance if you wish to attend.

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