

Watford & Three Rivers Locality Commissioning Committee Update April 2015

Monthly Local Management Group meetings are attended by GP & PM representative from each practice and provide member practices opportunity to engage with delivery of the *locality Plan on a Page. The meeting on **12 March 2015 meeting**, the final for this year 2014/15, gave an opportunity for members to feedback on the Pathways work that had been done working together in Clusters. Identified cluster projects supported the delivery of local priorities. The meeting started, with a presentation on the new respiratory service, by Glenda Esmond respiratory nurse consultant reminding GPs of the pathways and providing information about take up by practices. Liz Biggs introduced herself in her new role as programme manager for Children & Young People and Maternity. She talked about the 'direction of travel' and future developments, which will give opportunities for the locality to work collaboratively with this programme. Keith Hodge, Urgent Care lead updated on the OOHs & 111 procurement process, giving time to a Q&As from GPs. Time was then allocated for practices to share what they had achieved in their small groups:

- Urosepsis pathway in Care Homes, laminated urine colour charts distributed to care homes – West cluster proved to be both popular and successful. Care Home staff are now better informed about assessment of the elderly and the appropriate action to take, practices have seen fewer requests for GPs to visit and in some cases, prevention of admissions. *Local priority to reduce admissions for ambulatory sensitive care conditions.
 - 0-5 pilot - partnering with children's centres and other agencies – South Cluster provided education for parents of under 5 years and children's centre staff. . There has been good networking between GPs, Health Visitors and the * Family Nurse Partnership, and it is anticipated that this will grow.
 - Year 6 obesity – central, west & north clusters. Helen Mayhew from Beezee Bodies attended to share the outcomes of the Tier Three service that was launched July 2014. This service is offered to support children and their families where the child has been identified as obese following the Yr 6 height & weight measurement. GPs can refer families to this service; *the objective of this scheme was to deliver on the locality priority as identified on our Plan on a Page to embed the service in the locality and to establish a partnership between HCC Schools and GP surgeries improving communication and sharing of information. 26 families have gone through the first programme and 31 booked for the next programme in April. Because of the successful take up in Watford, Beezee Bodies are providing four schemes in the locality for next year.
 - Alcohol pathway – practices identified patients drinking over and above the recommended levels, read coding and following up with patients when they have been admitted. This has also increased referrals to IAPT for these patients. *Plan on a Page priority to improve access to support for problem drinkers and increase referrals to IAPT services.
 - Hand held ECG machines for patients with palpitations available in South cluster to help avoid referrals. Commented was made that there are now more intelligent referrals. Good patient satisfaction recorded. Local priority to reduce admissions for ambulatory sensitive care conditions. An evaluation is to be completed and there will be further discussions with local cardiologists.
1. **WCL Increasing Capacity funding. Executive group 26 February 2015** invited Annette Keane to explore the QIPP priorities for 2015/16. The outcome was that the locality identifies key areas. An analysis of A&E data revealed that WCL had a disproportionate increase in the number of attendances for children. The data for emergency non elective spells for 0-18 years shows WCL has the highest rate per/1000 population across the CCG. Now considering paed's after school clinics in practices 4 - 7.30 pm from September onwards when the admissions start to increase after the summer. Local priority to reduce admissions for ambulatory sensitive care conditions (ASC).
 2. **Public & Patient Involvement** - Following the invitation from the South Oxhey Heads Association, members of the locality and communications team staff, attended parents' evenings in South Oxhey primary schools to talk to parents. There were positive conversations reminding parents about the minor illness flier that had been emailed to schools and about local services for children. We sought to establish if there was interest in minor illness education drop in sessions that could be offered in the schools for parents and carers, similar to those that had been provided to parents and health visitors at the local children centre.
 3. **Locality mental health forum 4 March 2015** meeting attended by HPFT service manager to review progress of the operational issues that had been raised by GPs at the WCL Executive group.