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Kent LMC/East Kent Hospitals University Foundation Trust Liaison Meeting June 2017

Drs Penny Barley, Mark Speller and Ash Peshen joined John Allingham and Caroline Rickard at the recent meeting with East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust. Dr Paul Stevens and Mr Rupert Williamson attended on behalf of the Trust, and Drs Thish Kaneswaran, Stan Tso, Michelle Nongbri (ST3s) attended as observers.

Who is in charge

Paul Stevens wrote to remind the secretaries to append the name of the responsible consultant to outpatient letters. Some are still being sent without this. GPs to send examples to RW at the GP help line on ekh-tr.gpinfo@nhs.net.

The issue of the Dear Pooled List letters was discussed under this item. There has been little progress to report.

PSA Monitoring

This remains an active issue which is being discussed by Ed Streeter and SKC CCG. The LMC will follow this up.

Dart for Locum GPs

There has been no solution to the issue of creating a way for locums to have a log in for Dart when moving from practice to practice. The LMC will endeavour to introduce this to the STP digital workstream and this will remain on the agenda.

Shared Care agreements

This has been closed as the national contract effectively deals with this.

Referrals from Nurse Practitioners

EKHUFT confirmed that clinicians have been asked to accept referrals and it was

also agreed that there is nothing to stop NPs referring to Out Patients provided supervising GPs were happy that appropriate cases were being sent on.

Electronic Referral System (Choose & Book)

Paul Stevens confirmed he has assurance that the directory of services is up to date and advised that any GPs experiencing difficulties with clinic availability should contact the GP help line on ekh-tr.gpinfo@nhs.net.

New Standard Hospitals Contract 2017/19/Inappropriate transfer of work

The issues were dealt with together as the standard contract clearly details responsibilities. John Allingham highlighted issues around helpful admin staff copying GPs with hospital results to help the patient when consultants were 'too busy' to reply. Gaurav Gupta asked for a clear way forward to demonstrate implementation. Jonathan Bryant from SKC CCG has agreed to meet with LMC and EKHUFT to discuss a joint approach which will include the issue of internal referrals.

Testing for Bacterial Vaginosis

The LMC highlighted the issue of the letter from the laboratory indicating microscopy on samples would no longer be carried out and GPs are expected to perform pH testing of vaginal secretions to make the diagnosis. Paul Stevens agreed to investigate further.

Upper GI RA pathway

Gaurav Gupta noted that the two week wait upper GI pathway was not safe, in that other malignancies were being missed. It was recommended sending the

information of breaches to CCG Quality Nurse.

Pre-op assessment clinics

It was noted that patients are still being sent for prescriptions because nurse-led pre-op assessment clinics have no prescriber present. Paul Stevens agreed to look into this issue.

Discharge Summaries

Mark Speller requested investigation results and list of current medications to be included in discharge A&E discharge summaries. EKHUFT is also considering including a list of A&E attendances in the previous 12 months to help primary care identify high users of the service.

It was also asked if this could be extended to A and E records.

GP Help Line

Rupert Williamson provided an update on the use of the e-mail line. There has been an exponential rise in usage with top issues being failure to provide MED 3s or to provide appropriate MED3s, MRI results delays and clinic letter delays.

Improvements in A&E discharge letters and the development of generic e-mails to communicate with departments are improvements as a result of issues raised.

EKHUFT were asked to see if the number of A&E attendances could be appended to letters to flag up frequent flyers and to include prescribing data.

MRI Outpatient Information Line

It was reported that the MRI Out Patient Information line (01227 864249) was not working and was frequently engaged. Rupert Williamson agreed to investigate further.

NPs Ordering Xrays

The issue of NPs ordering X-rays was discussed. Gaurav Gupta is exploring this with the Radiology department and LMC office will consider commissioning this for practices.

Electronic Xray Referrals

The issue of electronic X-ray referrals was

discussed. No solution at present.

LMC You have been Referred Leaflet

The 'You have been referred' leaflet was discussed and it was agreed to share with EKHUFT in an endeavour to help joint working around implementation of the national contract.

Rotary Suite Emergency Ophthalmology Service

There have been some reported difficulties with referrals to Rotary suite emergency ophthalmic service. Rupert Williamson requested examples for further investigation.

Acute Medical Trainees

Paul Stevens reported that from 19th June HEE and GMC are removing acute medical trainees from Kent and Canterbury as an emergency measure and there will no acute medical take.

Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 2nd November 2017.

John Allingham

Medical Secretary on behalf of Kent LMC