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Kent LMC/Kent & Medway GP Staff Training Advisory Board Newsletter September 2014

Dr John Allingham chaired the recent Kent & Medway GP Training Advisory Board. Drs Amit Kumar, David Lawrence and Mrs Liz Mears attended on behalf of the LMC, Mrs Elizabeth Ali, Fran Chatham, Fiona Ellis, Maggie Burcham, Ruth Wells, Adrian Young and Caroline Flasse attended as practice representatives and Claire Trevill and Gareth Pitcher attended on behalf of Kent & Medway Commissioning Support.

Safeguarding

The LMC published an article in the September edition of 'In-Touch' to encourage practices to utilise the on-line training before the 31st March 2015 when charging will commence.

Claire Treville reported a continued lack of clarity over the various standards required which they will try and confirm.

Pension Training

Jo Purkis has been discussing with Fairway the option of providing training in smaller groups, face to face. It was agreed that this was not training to be delivered on-line.

Introduction to Practice Nursing

Only 4 people have booked onto this course and a discussion around the need for this course took place. The LMC will put an article into 'In-Touch' to try and encourage more applicants. This will be reviewed at the next meeting and options were discussed about potential for two intakes per year.

COSHH Training

The on-line module is being assessed by Peter Medhurst to ensure it is fit for purpose. It was agreed to include a 20 minute presentation as part of the Practice Manager Conference.

GP Staff Training Service Update

KASPAC - the next course is on the 17th September which is fully booked. Jo Purkis is looking run more.

Practice Manager Training - KMCS are looking into what is actually required.

HEKSS - Claire Trevill reported that HEKSS had written to CCGs outlining it was their responsibility to administer the placements and gave no notice.

KMCS have agreed to hold in the meantime. However, HEKSS should administer/provide admin costs. The LMC will ask how this is dealt within in Surrey and Sussex. Mike Parks from the LMC is a HEKSS Board member and he will be made aware of this.

Claire Trevill reported that the Programme (Education and Training Service) was not sustainable and that KMCS will be writing to the LMC with its intention to give notice as at 31st March 2015. They feel that the staffing is not sufficient to continue to provide the service. Claire Trevill reported that the £126k received currently is insufficient and another £60k would be required. This decision from KMCS came as quite a shock to the Board and would require serious immediate consideration on the way forward.

Financial Update

Gareth Pitcher gave an update on the financial position outlining a significant underspend.

Mazars Lunch & Learn Sessions

John Allingham reported that the LMC had been approached about running these free sessions. The LMC have confirmation from

Surrey and Sussex that those offered in the local area were well received.

Funding for Insulin Conversion Training

After a discussion about whether or not insulin conversion training should be top-sliced funding it was agreed that it would be. Fran Chatham outlined that many patients with Diabetes have other issues and nurses manage patients on Insulin. Mentorship was a commissioning issue for CCGs.

LARC Training

Public Health have arranged four courses by the end of September 2014. There has been some confusion as to who should book themselves on these. Places were still available.

Courses for Practice Managers

Claire Trevill wanted an indication of what was required. Currently training is provided by Cherith Simmonds. Do we require a Diploma or leadership training? After discussion between the Board members it was agreed that training for practice managers (level 5) and business managers (level 7) is required. Booking for Level 5 and a proposal for Level 7 and modular training preferred.

Spirometry - training and calibration

It was confirmed that all training that is required for spirometry is provided by the training team.

Flu update for HCAs - e-learning update modules

Caroline Flasse confirmed that the Flu update was only valid for HCA's. Caroline felt that the on-line imms and vacs training can go out of date quickly and

therefore face to face would be more welcomed.

It was agreed to commissioning ongoing and regular training and to not progress with the on-line training.

Flu vaccination training

Nurses with imms and vac training only need to understand what the ongoing changes are. Fran Chatham declared a conflict of interest as a provider of training. After a discussion around indemnity Johh Allingham recommended that practices could ring their medical defence organisation to see if those who have not received direct training would be covered.

Any Other Business

Caroline Flasse asked if INR training should be part of the delivery costs of the service. The provision across Kent and Medway is varied. The Wharfrin service is provided predominantly by GPs in some CCGs and Pharmacists in others. It was agreed that INR training was not core and therefore should not be funded via the topslice.

Liz Ali confirmed that HMRA was free on-line.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 27th November 2014, 12.30-3.00pm at Lenham Community Centre, Groom Way, Lenham, Kent ME1 2QF.

Liz Mears
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