



Kent Local Medical Committee

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Making Connections in NHS West Kent CCG November 2014

Drs Mark Ironmonger, Vijay Koshal, Neil Potter and Adam Skinner joined Mrs Liz Mears at the recent LMC/CCG liaison meeting. Dr Bob Bowes and Mr Ian Ayres attended on behalf of the CCG.

Diabetes

Concerns were raised that there would be enough appropriately trained GPs and Nurse Practitioner's to meet the need. The CCG agreed to confirm the capacity and capability in future.

Post Meeting Note:

The CCG reported a small number of nurses failed their pitstop courses, and steps to remedy this are being put in place. More than 50% of the WK population is served by GP practices which can deliver level 2 services and we are fairly confident that these services can be delivered as a result of plans presently in place.

Flu (Housebound)

The LMC thanked the CCG for negotiating the vaccination of all housebound patients for flu.

Primary Care Strategy - Workforce

The CCG had commissioned a 6-8 week piece of work to establish the traditional primary care strategy baseline. The group discussed the very recently published NHS Five Year Plan and the potential implications including specialty groups. Premises are going to be key to the future provision of primary care. The CCG will seek the views and support of the membership in developing the primary care strategy.

Anticoagulation

The LMC reps confirmed that there is still some confusion over the INRstar contract. Bob Bowes explained that this was now a practice responsibility.

Post Meeting Note:

The CCG commented that they met the cost of licence for the period Sept '13 to Sept '14. These costs SHOULD have been recovered from practices, but the CCG decided not to recharge for that period and would expect practices to pick up as part of their LES/APCS remuneration thereafter.

The LES was agreed at the start of the financial year. Key provision is... "a) The provider must be expected to provide all appropriate equipment, licensing and auditing costs, including IT software, monitoring systems, quarterly monitoring controls and training. The cost per case price reflects ongoing costs of these items plus any necessary consumables and maintenance."

INRStar are now invoicing practices direct.

Dementia DES

The group discussed the issues of this DES and many practices may not sign up.

LARC

Liz Mears thanked the LMC reps for their input regarding the draft specification. There was concern that GPs may find it difficult to maintain their competencies for gynae LARC if the Public Health specifications results in many providers not being able to provide LARC in the future. Bob Bowes described how the local Health and WellBeing Boards could preside over this budget and how West Kent and Public Health could work on a more local level.

Shared Care/Prescribing Guidelines

There were discussions around the clinical appropriateness of some of the protocols, particularly Roactinane, and when to send patients back to secondary care. The LMC confirmed that there are some shared care guidelines and she would seek agreement to share these.

Health & Social Care Co-ordinators

The LMC reps gave mixed reviews about the co-ordinators. BB explained that it is very important to get the right feedback and any comments would be welcomed. Please send to West Kent generic e-mail westkent.ccg@nhs.net.

Integrated Respiratory Service

This service was introduced in October and everyone was urged to please make good use of it.

Withdrawal as a provider of AQP Non-Obstetric Ultrasound Service

Stephen Meech had sent through the notification sent out to all practices informing them of the immediate removal of this service from Global Diagnostics Ltd. There was concern that this is acceptable but is a risk associated with this type of contract.

Promoting Collaborative Working In Primary Care

Maidstone are in the process of establishing a federation, which may include some practices from the Weald. A similar situation was reported in Tonbridge/Tunbridge Wells.

Practices in the Weald (including Yalding, Cranbrook, Goudhurst, Lamberhurst and Hawkhurst) have held preliminary discussions. Yvette Negus and Justin Charlesworth are leading.

Community Education Provider Network (CEPN)

The CCG has appointed two primary care education tutors who are working closely with practices. When the CEPN gets to the stage of setting up there would be merit into looking at how the collaborative working arrangements might link in with each other rather than potentially setting up two structures.

Kent & Medway GP Staff Training Team

The LMC reported that KMCS have indicated that they can no longer continue to provide this service with the current resources. The LMC are looking at alternative options and providers for this extremely important and well received service.

Co-Commissioning Intentions

The CCG have taken a cautious approach to this to date as they recognise the potential risks associated with full delegated responsibility, particularly around general practice contract management. CCGs will have to indicate in the New Year what their intentions are going forward and they will need to consult with the membership.

Mental Health Services

Concern was raised over the current MH services across West Kent, the various teams and the potential for patients to fall between the services and GPs to be directed to the various teams without anyone taking responsibility or even answering the phone. The Consultant input into the crisis intervention team seemed variable. The CCG confirmed that there is now a West Kent specific contract which should provide some improvement. The next phase will be to review the service specification.

Coaching

The CCG reported that the pilots for Coaching are underway following the training of a small team. There is good evidence to suggest that this could improve the team dynamics and for example the loyalty to the MDT. The CCG want practices to be as effective as they can be and actually need primary care to thrive. This is an exciting project and all look forward to seeing how it translates.

Pharmacy First

Concern were raised about the leaflet sent to practices regarding Pharmacy First and what was being offered, by whom and how. The CCG agreed to investigate.

Care Plan Manager

The CCG reported that it is in the final stages of the procurement process and will go to the November Public Board.

Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 3rd March 2014, West Kent CCG, Medway Room, Wharf House, Medway Wharf Road, Tonbridge, Kent, TN9 1RE

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