



Clinical Commissioning Group

NHS Enfield Clinical Commissioning Group Governing Body

Report back from clinical lead on Primary Care GP Prescribing

Area of responsibility

1. Improving patient safety and delivering clinical and cost effectiveness within the financial budget remains the key objectives of the medicines management team. The project aims to deliver a savings target of £1.1 million in 14-15, as well as reducing antibiotic prescribing and improving asthma prescribing.

The savings will be achieved by reducing or stopping prescribing in some therapeutic areas and moving prescribing to more cost effective medicines in other areas. The changes will be made by the medicines management team in some practices and in other practice support will be offered to make the changes.

Achievements since the last meeting of the governing body

2. Prescribing Quality and Savings Scheme(PQSS) has been launched and all practices have visits planned in by end of July with a member of medicines management team, more than half of practices have received visits by 10th July

A respiratory training session for GPs and nurses is occurring on 30th July, there has been a good response from GPs.

Microbiologists from Chase Farm and North Middlesex have spoken at the PLT about reducing antibiotic use and resistance in order to reinforce messages being given out by the medicines management team.

Initial prescribing data available for April and May 2014 shows a reduction in spend of -1.2% compared to same period last year.

Key issues and challenges

3. Current Issues

- *Current Prescribing lead is stepping down as board member which leaves a gap in clinical leadership. Proposed that leadership is provided by medical director and Head of Medicines Management with support from GPs at locality level.*
- *Support for Medicines Management Committee meeting from GPs-this may be solved if locality GPs are appointed.*
- *Acute Medicines Management support for managing spends on PBR exc drugs was being bought from the CSU, this is now stopping. Plans have been drawn up proposing how costs can be managed in this area.*
- *CCG has agreed funding for dietitian but delays in recruitment by ECS means dietitian will not be appointed until September.*
- *Public Health have been asked to support medicines management work focusing on antibiotics, Vitamin D, medicines wastage and concordance.*

Planned outcomes for the next two month period

- *Practice visits to be finished to discuss PQSS with practices and agree workplan.*
- *Agreeing GP to help support localities.*
- *Meeting to be set up to discuss prescribing at locality level.*
- *Agree workplan with public health around Vitamin D, antibiotics and medicines wastage.*

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