Featured

Project reducing hospital admissions wins Sir Peter Carr Partnership Award

A CCG has won this year’s prestigious Sir Peter Carr Partnership Award for their innovative project which prevents avoidable hospital admissions and provides care at the place of a person’s choice.

Somerset CCG, in partnership with Yeovil District Hospital and South West Academic Health Science Network, encourage nursing homes, general practices, out of hours and emergency services to implement the National Early Warning Score (NEWS2). This creates a common language across these services which enables safe, effective and timely patient care. The CCG will be awarded £30,000 which they will spend on building team knowledge and skills.

Action

Practice managers – funded coaching and mentoring opportunity!

Following the success of the last coaching and mentoring programme, and positive feedback from those who took part, practice managers are again being offered free coaching and mentoring sessions between January and March 2020. Places are limited and are offered on a first-come first-served basis. The deadline for expressions of interest is midnight 4 December.

For more information, please email england.gpdevelopment@nhs.net. Please share this information with any practice managers you know who may benefit from this opportunity.

GP Connect update

The GP Connect programme supports the development of products which enable different GP clinical systems to communicate.

There is now approval for a full rollout with TPP and EMIS Health for their GP Connect appointment management capability. When fully implemented, 96% of GP practices will be covered. It will now be simpler for GP practices to view and book appointments into the access hubs for their patients. This functionality also supports appointment bookings via services such as NHS 111.

Need to discuss your appointment management needs? Contact us at gpconnect@nhs.net

Find out more about the GP Connect programme here.

Have your frontline staff had their flu jab?
Our Chief Nursing Officer Ruth May is spearheading this year’s drive to ensure as many frontline nurses, doctors and other healthcare professionals as possible get vaccinated against seasonal flu – meaning they are both less likely to need time off over the busy winter period, and less likely to pass on the virus to vulnerable patients.

Please ensure you and your colleagues get your flu vaccination this year.

**Publications**

**New post-polypectomy and post-colorectal cancer resection surveillance guidelines**

We are asking CCGs to support trusts with a colonoscopy service to implement new guidance on polyp surveillance. Expert clinical opinion suggests that full implementation of the guidance could reduce the demand for surveillance colonoscopy in symptomatic services by up to 70% and support trusts to maintain service availability over winter.

Through Cancer Alliances we have asked symptomatic services in trusts with a colonoscopy service to nominate a consultant ‘trust surveillance lead’ with implementation of the guidance in their job plan by 30 September 2020. PHE has sent separate communications to screening services.

**Events**

**Webinar: Care and support planning for people with musculoskeletal conditions - 13 December, 12.30pm**

The impact of musculoskeletal (MSK) ill-health is now widely recognised, both in the NHS Long Term Plan and by STPs, with the majority identifying MSK as a priority. MSK conditions are the most common recorded diagnosis for hospital admissions and 1 in 5 people consult a GP about them.

This webinar will cover how care and support planning can help people with MSK conditions and will outline the work involved, and discuss the learning, challenges and potential benefits associated with the process.

The webinar is for commissioners and clinicians and will be presented by Nick Lewis-Barned a Specialist Physician at Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust.

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