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MORGANNWG LMC NEWSLETTER – JUNE 2016 -DRAFT

THE BMA ANNUAL REPRESENTATIVES MEETING - 23 June 2016

Nationally BMA and LMC reps are battling to get the pressures and problems in Primary Care addressed by Government and Health Boards and Dr Phil Banfield, Chair of BMA Cymru Wales, called on Welsh Government to produce a strategic vision for the Welsh NHS saying;

“GPs are buckling under unprecedented demands on their services. The impending calamity within Primary care throughout the UK has already arrived in the valleys and towns of Wales, fueled by inadequate and gross underfunding of General Practice, despite rising demand and despite the increased exodus of work into the community from cash-strapped hospitals.

Community services are increasingly fragmented, with the rhetoric of integration falling short of the reality. If we do not centre our services around primary care, there will be an inevitable collapse of services that was both predictable and avoidable.

In secondary care, a workforce that takes up over half the NHS spend is being made to feel that it is an unnecessary burden on the public purse. The over-reliance on locums and agency staff is in part due to an inability to respond flexibly and rapidly to workforce needs and a lack of credible workforce planning not for the NHS of today, but the NHS of tomorrow.”

“The new government offers a genuine opportunity for further progress to be made, but doctors and other health professionals must feel able to raise concerns about patient care without fear of reprisal.”

WELSH ASSEMBLY DEBATE on HEALTH and SOCIAL SERVICES – 23 June 2016

Vaughan Gething, Cabinet Secretary for Health, Well-Being and Sport said he looked forward to a constructive working relationship with GPC Wales and RCGP;

“..we will continue to address workload concerns and support the development of new models of care. We also need to ensure that we recruit and retain other primary care professionals who can support GPs.

“The role of the GP is, of course, critical, and the leadership role within those new clusters of arrangements, but there is a broader recognition that their role has to evolve so that they can be used to the best effect to focus on patients with the most complex needs – as a number of people had said today and on other occasions, to do only what a GP can only do, to provide that leadership to the practice and also within cluster activity ..”

SESSIONAL GP NEWSLETTER June 2016 - can be found at;

<http://bma-mail.org.uk/t/JVX-4ACJR-1BJCJOU46E/cr.aspx>.

QUALITY FIRST WEB PORTAL

The BMA has launched a Quality First Web Portal on the new BMA Website www.bma.org.uk/qualityfirst. It is aimed at LMCs, Practices and individual GPs to give practical ways in which practices can manage workload to deliver safe care. It provides 'how to' guides with real case examples of positive change. Areas covered include;

- **Managing inappropriate workload**
- **Patient empowerment**
- **Collaboration and working at scale**
- **Technology – new ways of working**
- **Establishing or joining a GP network/federation**
- **Assessing and negotiating workload**

THE LMC MESSAGE IS LOUD AND CLEAR – WORK THAT IS NOT FUNDED SHOULD NOT BE DONE IN PRACTICE: Please contact the LMC if you have any queries about what is or isn't funded.

REQUESTS FOR FIT NOTES

We are aware that a significant number of unnecessary appointments are taken up by patients requesting fit notes following treatment in secondary care. ABMU has agreed to display posters in wards and departments to remind patients that these should be requested **prior** to discharge. Please feel free to raise examples (template attached) where colleagues have not issued a med 3 of appropriate duration, copying us in. (templates will be easily accessible on our new website – coming soon!)

ENHANCED SERVICES

As a result of the current tight financial and workload climate it may be that the LMC will negotiate a slimmed down list of Local Enhanced services and that as a result some may have to be decommissioned with a clear plan agreed with the HB over how to hand back the work involved if this is the case. We are currently having specific discussions about the Wound Care LES which is clearly undervalued and uneconomic as it stands. The Health Board acknowledges this and is exploring a possible solution which we have agreed to look at as a matter of urgency. As we explore this over the next 4-6 weeks we would ask that you consider continuing to engage with the LES as it stands. If we are unable to agree a solution for re-financing the LES we will then suggest that you reconsider your engagement. We will keep you updated.

VIOLENCE AND AGGRESSION IN PRIMARY CARE

ABMU has reconvened the group looking at this issue and there are plans to roll out training for primary care staff to deal with violent and aggressive behaviour. We would also like to remind you that all instances of violent behaviour should be reported to the police - they may not always visit or investigate further but by generating an incident number you will be able to automatically off list such patients.

MCAS HELPLINE: ABM.MCAS@wales.nhs.uk

Please make use of the MCAS email helpline in Morriston Hospital if you have any queries about referrals to MCAS. X-Rays should be arranged prior to making a referral (if clinically indicated). It is helpful for MCAS to have an X-ray but we have been assured that, in the absence of one, the referral will not be bounced back.

MORGANNWG LMC Ltd WEBSITE: The LMC website is currently under redevelopment and will be available soon.

