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MORGANNWG LMC NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 2016

GP FELLOWSHIP SCHEME -NPT

LMC Members were delighted to have Dr Mark Goodwin as a Guest speaker at the LMC Meeting on 13 September 2016. Mark is a GP in the Afan Valley Medical Practice and is also a Cluster lead in NPT. He has been instrumental in establishing the GP Fellowship role which will see the recruitment of around seven salaried GPs, employed by ABMU Health Board to support practices in the NPT area who are struggling to recruit GP partners and locums. The posts will most likely appeal to younger GPs who are perhaps not ready to take up a partnership role but who want a varied and interesting salaried role for a couple of years and which will provide a range of opportunities in and out of primary care. Strong mentorship and guidance will be available. Posts are currently being advertised and the response has been positive. The LMC applauds this innovative approach to the recruitment issues being experienced in NPT. It is hoped that similar schemes will be rolled out to other areas in ABMU.

SOAPBOX

The September LMC meeting had a Soapbox session to allow members (elected and co-opted) to let off steam about issues which currently cause problems in their day to day work and in practice. Thirty four issues were raised before (and due to time constraints) a halt was called. A full list can be viewed in the Minutes of the meeting which have been circulated to the practice but there were some recurring themes such as;

- Problems with the District Nursing Service
- Difficulties in accessing emergency Mental Health Services
- Difficulties referring young people to CAMHS
- Inappropriate requests from Secondary care
- IT Issues
- Lack of clarity and consistency around the role of ACT / CRT in each ABMU area ☐ Poor or non-existent discharge information.

Some issues are currently already on the radar of the LMC or GPC Wales but those that aren't have now been raised at the LMC/ ABMU Liaison Group meeting. In relation to the inappropriate requests from Secondary care the message from the LMC is that you/we must keep highlighting these to the ABMU Medical Director (use the LMC template letter to make this less time consuming and copy in the LMC).

There has been some improvement in the issue of discharge summaries within 5 days – now up to 29% but there is a long way to go. Please keep sending us examples of poor information or let us know when none has been received to ensure that we can forward details to the HIW secure portal for on-going monitoring.

ENHANCED SERVICES

ABMU is developing alternative specification and delivery options for Cluster Local Enhanced services for wound care /Zoladex / shared care. The LMC has been informed that these will be available midOctober. If the new proposals are not acceptable the LMC has advised that the management of wounds may have to be handed back for Health Board Management or alternatively the LES retired. We will keep you informed.

111 IMPLEMENTATION

The new 111 service will begin rolling out in the ABMU community on 4th October continuing with the phased introduction of the new service model. The Clinical Support Hub was introduced earlier in July and this provides increased support to manage complex patients during peak out of hours, and to ensure that there is an effective interface between 111 and GPOOH services. The next phase will be the 111 freephone number being available to patients within NPT and Bridgend. **GP practices in NPT and Bridgend will be asked to change their answerphone messages from 4th October, and the roll out to Swansea will follow on 10-14 days later (date to be confirmed).** Once fully rolled out, information will transfer electronically from 111 through to GP practices via the post-event messaging system. There will be a system for health care professionals to feedback on the service, and further details will be available shortly. Practice managers will be updated directly but if you have any questions please contact Dorothy Edwards on Dorothy.edwards@wales.nhs.uk.

FIREARMS LICENSING PROCESS

The police are no longer issuing firearms certificates prior to sending letters to GPs. This does not change the advice from the BMA which is that you should return the letter to the police **without delay** explaining you are unable to undertake the work due to a lack of funding or for a conscientious objection to gun ownership. An updated copy of the letter is attached and full details of the BMA guidance can be found at <https://www.bma.org.uk/advice/employment/ethics/ethics-a-to-z/firearms>

UNAVAILABLE MEDICINES IN COMMUNITY PHARMACIES

The LMC is aware of the frequent frustration experienced by GPs when items prescribed are not available in community pharmacies and patients are redirected back to the GP for another prescription to be issued. We are currently in discussion with the Medicine Management teams in ABMU to see if there can be a proactive approach to dealing with this problem which results in wasted appointments and increased workload. We believe that details of unavailable drugs should be provided to practices on a regular basis along with details of drugs which can be substituted. We will keep you informed of progress.

PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDANCE on INFECTION CONTROL IN SCHOOL and other CHILDCARE SETTINGS

A copy of the guidance was sent to the practice recently and is a very useful document for reference when parents are directed (unnecessarily) to the surgery by schools and/or nurseries. Please contact your practice manager for a copy if you have not seen it.

SESSIONAL GPs NEWSLETTER

The latest sessional GP Newsletter can be found here; <http://bma-mail.org.uk/t/JVX-4F7ZS-1BJCJOU46E/cr.aspx>

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