

Public Health Strategy Meeting

14th January 2008

In attendance: Graham Ramsay, Medical Director
Jane Halpin, Director of Public Health, East and North PCTs NHS Trust
Nicola Moore, Head of Clinical Governance, Quality & Risk

Action agreed:

Issue	Action	Deadline
Strategy Implementation - General	<p>MJ to present strategy at all three Strategic Partnership Forums (i.e. Oxhey, Watford & St. Albans).</p> <p>MJ to form Acute Trust and PCT overarching Public Health Forum whose primary function will to ensure the operational implementation of the strategy. Membership forum should include those managers across both Trusts who are able to influence and address cross-organisational issues that are crucial success criteria to the implementation of the strategy.</p>	<p>First meeting to take place by 31st March '08 but after ratification of strategy at Trust Board</p> <p>Progress: Meetings now in diary for three local groups Initial meeting of Forum set up for 12 March</p>
Obesity	<p>MJ to approach Jo Fearn in Paediatrics with the question "Are we regularly weighing and measuring children and subsequently calculating BMI's?" Jo Fearn to then make contact with either Hilary Angwin or Catherine Pelley (available though PCT email) who will be able to provide further information on referral pathways for those children seen within the Trust who are deemed to be above the normal BMI range for their age. Trust to ensure they opportunistically identify such children as they access CED and make appropriate referrals through identified referral pathways.</p> <p>Formulation of cross-organisational Obesity Forum to specifically meet the objectives in the strategy in relation to obesity. Rationale for having a separate forum is that pathways for the management of obese patients, including children need to be identified and worked through to ensure joined up working across both PCT and Acute Trust. Measuring and monitoring should also be agreed and launched via this forum.</p>	<p>31st January 2008</p> <p>Progress: Memo sent to Jo Fearn</p> <p>28th February 2008 with first meeting to take place in March '08</p>

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Sexual Health	<p>Chlamydia Screening - MJ to make contact with Rosie Gagnon (through Herts PCTs email). It was suggested that the Trust may be able to contribute to the PCT Chlamydia Screening Programme by identifying and supplying Chlamydia Screening Kits to all those deemed at risk who access the Trust through A&E. Kits will be funded by the PCT. GR asked that MJ contact also Pat Munday who should be instructed to write a proposal for the Trust to take this initiative forward.</p> <p>MJ to contact Sue Cole, Head of Midwifery in Maternity to seek the name of the current Teenage Pregnancy Lead. If no such Lead currently exists then Maternity should be asked to consider formulating a post for such. It was suggested that this need not necessarily be a midwife. Jane Halpin confirmed that the PCT would be able to fund accordingly.</p>	<p>Contact to be made by 31st January 2008. Proposal to be in place for Public Health Forum Meeting in March '08.</p> <p>31st January '08.</p> <p>Progress: Tried to make contact, awaiting call back from Rosie Gagnon.</p> <p>Progress: Contact made. Awaiting response.</p>
Older People	JH to forward to NM PCT's Older Peoples' Strategy.	<p>ASAP</p> <p>Progress: Copy received. Being reviewed by MJ</p>
Ethnicity Data	JH suggested changing default setting from "don't know" to "patient refused to say". This will give the Trust more leeway in meeting current performance target. GR to take forward.	ASAP
Baby Checks	Proposal needed to develop in house service for baby examination within 72 hours. NM to email Kate Jones, Divisional Manager – Womens' & Childrens' and Sue Cole, Head of Midwifery to work up proposal. It was suggested by JH that current NICE guidance does not mention the need for such staff to be qualified and this service could just as well be delivered by unqualified staff, ?well trained HCAs was suggested.	<p>NM to contact Kate Jones immediately. Proposal to be produced by deadline negotiated with Kate Jones.</p> <p>Progress: Kate Jones and Sue Cole contacted. It has been suggested that Paeds rather than Midwives would better provide for this service. Proposal requested of E. Quistherson accordingly to enable a bid for funding.</p>