

iN TOUCH



**Primary Care Improvement
Plan (PCIP) update**



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Welcome to the iN TOUCH newsletter for August 2023 – providing an update on the progress of the Primary Care Improvement Plan (PCIP).

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Focus on...

Acute Prescribing Implementation Toolkit

The recently launched Acute Prescribing Implementation Toolkit aims to develop staff skills on the effective management of processes within primary care. Acute prescribing involves high volume, unpredictable workloads and the toolkit facilitates collaborative working within practice teams to best manage this.

Utilising a wide range of tools and resources, it helps ensure:

- Effective use of Acute Prescribing Decision Path to improve prescribing efficiency, and Treatment Plans when initiating prescriptions
- Safer acute prescribing
- Improved patient experience of safe, improved access to medication
- Increased efficiency in processes and effective team working across the primary care multidisciplinary team
- Best use of skills within the primary care multidisciplinary team
- Address prescribing workload constraints

Leo Haddock, Advanced Clinical Services Pharmacist, said:

“The Acute Prescribing Implementation Toolkit is one of the ways we can ensure the continuation of safe access to medicines and Treatment Plans for the people of Lanarkshire. By using the skills and expertise of primary care multidisciplinary teams we can manage the acute workload more efficiently which ultimately benefits patients.”

Across Lanarkshire there are currently 5 practices ready to implement the toolkit, with planning in place by a further 20 to explore it's potential. Please find attached the NHS Lanarkshire learning report. If you'd like further information on the Toolkit please contact LanPCIT@lanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk

Additional professional roles

Community link workers (CLW) July 2023 update

Of the 70 practices who referred into the programme during July 2023, 40 were in north and 30 were in south. This is 83% of the current 84 live practices.

There were 359 referrals made to the GP CLW programme. 209 in the north and 150 in the south. The most common reason for referral was mental health with underlying social factors. Total referrals received by the service to date (March 2021- July 2023) is 8710.

This month's news round-up

Upcoming CQL event – Wednesday 25 October 2023, 12-5pm, Dalziel Park

Registration will open soon for the next CQL event, which will take place on Wednesday 25 October at Dalziel Park in Motherwell. The event programme will begin at 1pm, with a light lunch and networking opportunity from 12-1pm. A calendar invite to hold the date has already been issued, and a registration email will be issued soon.

Lanarkshire Sessional GP Forum

To support the growing part of our workforce made up of Sessional GPs (including locums, salaried GPs and those working in Out of Hours service) Dr Veronica Rainey, Associate Medical Director at South Lanarkshire HSCP is creating a Sessional GP Forum. The Forum will meet and discuss various issues including career pathways, Quality Improvement, recruitment and retention, education, peer support and mentoring. To be added to the Forum email veronica.rainey3@lanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk

Applications for NHS Scotland GP coaching service

Applications are now open for NHS Education for Scotland's GP coaching service. The service is designed specifically for GPs, with an initial chemistry session and 3-4 coaching sessions (up to 7 hours in total) to be taken by the end of March 2024. Sessions are delivered virtually and arranged at times that suit each individual GP, and the content and discussion is confidential.

Apply by Friday 15 September here

<https://response.questback.com/nhseducationforscotland/gpcoaching2023> and visit here for further information [here](#)

Getting Our Active Lifestyle Started (GOALS) – New health lifestyle programme for children and young people

GOALS is the new NHS Lanarkshire community based programme for children and young people aged 4-17 with a BMI greater than or equal to the 91st centile. It offers lifestyle support to children and young people and their families for 10 weeks. Referrals can be made by emailing the attached form to Dr Elinor Steel, Child Healthy Weight & Child and Young Person Weight Management Coordinator at elinor.steel@lanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk

GOALS will initially take place in Coatbridge and Carluke in September 2023, with further blocks in January and April 2024. Class are 1.5 hours per week and support families by providing a session on nutrition, physical activity and a discussion on next steps for the following week. Find out more on [First Port](#).

Vacancy – Realistic Medicine Depute Clinical Lead (fixed term 12 months)

An exciting opportunity is available within NHS Lanarkshire as Realistic Medicine Depute Clinical Lead, on a fixed term basis for 12 months. Primary care colleagues are particularly encouraged to consider the post. It requires one session per week (4 hours) to deliver the local implementation of the Chief Medical Officer's Realistic Medicine Delivery Plan (RMDP), meet required timescales and align work streams with the local Realistic Medicine Action Plan (RMAP).

The depute will support:

- Value based health & care vision
- Engaging with local clinical, quality and management teams
- Championing Realistic Medicine locally
- Research and development

All enquiries should be directed to Babu.mukhopadhyay@lanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk

Professionalism in Healthcare Conference – Friday 6 October 2023, Grand Central Hotel, Glasgow

The Professionalism in Healthcare Conference is organised by clinician educators passionate about professionalism. The event takes place on Friday 6 October 2023 at the Grand Central Hotel in Glasgow and provides a platform for discussing the latest challenges, successes and ideas around professionalism in healthcare. Delegates will discuss the latest research in learning, teaching and assessment of professionalism; practicalities of 'professionalism in action', and share perspectives with colleagues working at all levels across a broad range of disciplines and professional backgrounds.

Organised by Scott Oliver, Consultant Nephrologist and Physician at UHM, Dr Kathleen Collins, Paediatric Specialty Doctor & Clinical Lead Trainer (paediatrics) at UHW, Dr Alex Goodwin, Clinical Teaching Fellow in Professionalism and Catherine Paton, Associate Director of Medical Education, this year's event has attracted a high calibre of speakers on topics including:

- Dr Emma Stokes, Trinity College Dublin Fellow – "On balance – understand it, find it and holding on to it"
- Professor Denis Fischbacher-Smith, University of Glasgow – "Achieving Work-Life Balance"
- Nathan Oliver, Simulation Convenor at University of Canberra School of Nursing, Midwifery and Public Health – "Healthcare simulation"
- Workshops "Applied improvisation training to develop professionalism" and "The role of simulation-based education in fostering professionalism"?

For further information visit <https://professionalisminhealthcare.co.uk/about/>

To secure your place <https://professionalisminhealthcare.co.uk/register>

Enquiries profinhealth@gmail.com

UK Council for Educators of Medical Professionalism (UKCEMP) is having a joint meeting at the same venue the previous day.

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