

Pharmacists with special interests (PhwSI)

Summary report of activity provided May 2005 – June 2008 and next steps/future issues

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Publications

- Workstream to develop, launch and support implementation of Pharmacists with Special Interests national framework, supported by advisory group and wider stakeholder group
- Successful Ministerial launch of National Framework at BPC 2006 (September 06)
- Development of PhwSI support tools:
 - Development of PhwSI sections within PCC website
 - Outline PhwSI portfolio
 - PhwSI competency framework
 - Four supervised practice assessment tools
 - Summary of learning from National PhwSI events
 - PhwSI personal development tool
- Co-ordination of pharmacy contribution within development of 19 PwSI specialist frameworks, in conjunction with RCGP and RPSGB (see additional report)

Events

- One stakeholder listening event before launch (60 participants)
- Two PhwSI launch events autumn 2006 (150 participants)
- Two early adopter events autumn 2007 (100 participants)
- Planned for September 08 – launch event for PwSI specialist frameworks

Communications and other PhwSI support activity

- Comms linked to first PhwSI accreditation (anticoagulation therapy) in Bradford and Airedale PCT in May 08
- Communications support and promotion of framework at events and conferences including numerous presentations/workshops at BPC, NPC conference, Primary Care Live, PSNC conference, PCC events, AAH Convention, local and national NHS pharmacy networking events
- Photoshoots of pharmacists working in advanced practice roles
- Downloadable PhwSI briefings
- PhwSI articles in Pharmaceutical Journal, Chemist and Druggist, Pharmacy Magazine, NPA Annual Review and many more.

- Helpline and email support relating to PhwSI implementation
- Promotion of PhwSI service model to PCOs, Commissioners, NHS Trusts, and practitioners through incorporation in PCC and other events, SHA leads meetings, and web-based materials. Promotion of cross links to wider initiatives eg Darzi, 18 weeks, shifting care etc
- Collation and sharing of examples of good practice at www.primarycarecontracting.nhs.uk
- Enabling work with pharmacy special interest groups including UKCPA, UKPPG

PwSI workstream (Jan 06 – June 08)

- Development and publication of national guidance on commissioning and accreditation of PwSI services, including updated (and mandated) accreditation process
- Three national launch events held Spring 07 (approx 300 participants)
- Co-ordination of RCGP-led work to develop 19 PwSI specialist frameworks to pre-publication stage (16 handed to DH June 08, 3 more due by end July 08)

Specialty frameworks for GPwSIs and PhwSIs	Specialty frameworks for GPwSIs only
Drug misuse	Dermatology (published 07)
Diabetes	Genetics
Urgent Care	Safeguarding Children
Mental Health	Endoscopy
Respiratory Medicine	ENT delayed
Sexual Health	CAMHS delayed
Cardiology	
Epilepsy	
Elderly Care	
Headache	Specialty frameworks for PhwSIs only
Palliative Care	Dermatology
Learning disabilities	Anticoagulation

Next steps

- Support for launch event for specialist frameworks: September 17th 2008, in London
- Track further PhwSI accreditation by PCTs (via public lists)
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