

# Information Update

Since the publication of our June Newsletter we have received several items of interest which we felt should be brought to your attention before we circulate our July Newsletter, namely:

## **FUR/LES2 - 2008/09**

The PCT have confirmed that there would be either FUR or a LES payment available for practices in respect of the work that they have done regarding prescribing and implementing PBC schemes 2008/09. Practices will be informed of what they will be entitled to by the end of July.

## **Avoiding Emergency Admissions Workshop – Change of Date**

Our countywide half day workshop focusing on avoiding emergency admissions and changing working practices has been postponed from Wednesday 23 September until **Wednesday 30 September 2009**. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause but we have been advised that the LMC are holding a Practice Managers' study day on our original date. Please note the new date (30 September) in your diary and let Sue Vowles know if you can attend ([sue.vowles@wyvernhealth.nhs.uk](mailto:sue.vowles@wyvernhealth.nhs.uk)). The agenda for this event will be published in our July Newsletter.

## **ACES**

Several practices have requested the leaflets mentioned in the ACES referral letter. We have been advised that these are being sent to GP surgeries and Optometric practices from East Reach, Taunton. Nicky Homer (telephone 01935 384090 or Email [nichola.homer@somerset.nhs.uk](mailto:nichola.homer@somerset.nhs.uk)) has offered to send electronic resource packs to any practice that contacts her.

## **Flexible Healthcare Newsletter**

Please find attached the latest newsletter.

## **Meeting: Management of the Bladder and Urology Service Redesign – Tuesday 21 July 2009**

You are invited to attend a meeting entitled "Prostate: Small gland - large problem: An overview of prostate and bladder abnormalities" to be hosted by Pfizer on 21 July 2009 at Dillington House, Ilminster, Somerset. The meeting will be chaired by Dr Matthew Dolman, General Practitioner. The speaker at the meeting will be Mr Mark Speakman, Consultant Urologist. Please submit the attached booking form to reserve your place.

## **Election of New WH.C Board Members**

As you know, we are holding an election in both South Somerset locality and Taunton and the Wedge locality and the closing date for receipt of completed voting forms is Tuesday 14 July 2009. Please remember to Email your practice's completed form to Sue Vowles by 12.00 midday on 14 July.

## The PBC Connection

There is a new website with useful information on PBC which practices might find interesting.

The PBC Connection is an initiative by NHS Networks, the health network enabler, to bring together stakeholders in practice-based commissioning. Supported by the Department of Health, the initiative will not replace existing networks but harness the collective power of existing PBC resources across the NHS.

Organisations with an interest in PBC including those with existing networks are warmly invited to join the PBC Connection, the role of which is to be inclusive and independent.

Their aim is to enable PCT senior management and commissioners, clinicians, practice managers, patient groups and other interested parties to create a single platform for debate, discussion and sharing of good practice.

Formally launched in March, PBC Connection will begin by mapping existing resources, the best of which will be made available online, together with the latest policy news, examples of good practice, toolkits and discussion forums.

The PBC Connection will work across the NHS to unite PBC stakeholders, share intelligence and develop ideas.

If you want to help shape the future of practice-based commissioning please register your details with NHS Networks at [www.networks.nhs.uk/pbc-connection](http://www.networks.nhs.uk/pbc-connection).

### Aims of the PBC Connection

- Create a collaborative network of key players in PBC;
- Collect and disseminate good practice;
- Provide a sounding board for policy makers and service champions;
- Reach PBC implementers and consumers in a non-hierarchical way;
- Provide real-time feedback and information for all stakeholders to access;
- Help make connections for both PCTs and practices with providers of development support;
- Provide a hub for PBC intelligence and resource online;
- Co-ordinate events and workshops.

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