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Dermatology

Due to the unprecedented rise in referrals in dermatology to both acute trusts in Somerset and the effect on waiting times for patients, for a period of four weeks all non-fast track referrals to secondary care dermatology at Taunton and Somerset and YDH will first of all be assessed and signposted by Dr Martyn Richards (GPwsi at Penn Hill Surgery) so that the health community has a better understanding of the demand on dermatological services in Somerset.

Further information on this can be obtained from either Paul Bearman, WyvernHealth.Com, or Dr Andrew Dayani GP and LMC representative.

ECHOtech Pilot

Practices are respectfully asked to please stop sending referrals to Echotech, who were last year involved in the echo pilot in South Somerset, as this pilot has ended.

Gold Standards Framework in Care Homes

We are delighted to announce the first three homes have received accreditation from the National GSF Team. The staff at these homes are to be congratulated for the quality and quantity of effort they have put into this project and this is reflected in the level of award they have achieved.

Frethey House (Taunton) received Beacon status which is the highest level of award.

Croft House (Williton) and **Mountbatten** (Taunton) both received commended which is the second level of award.

We hope you will join us in congratulating the homes and Jenny Coles, the GSF Facilitator, who has provided excellent support and direction.

A further 14 homes are going for accreditation in June 2011.

Carers Champions Reunion

Tuesday 15 February 2011, 1.00 pm - 4.30 pm (including lunch) St John Ambulance HQ, Bridgwater

Following the Carers Awareness Training that your Carers Champions attended, we have arranged a reunion to share best practice, collect resources and meet local organisations that can help you to support carers. Please encourage a member of staff to attend plus a member of your PPG who has responsibility for carers. We look forward to seeing you at this free event.

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Caring for People with Dementia – Information and Guidance

'Caring for People with Dementia' has been produced by two carers with the aim of providing local information to people who are in a caring role. The authors recognised that 'useful and local' help and information, although available, was often difficult to find. The guide is designed to direct carers to the relevant services/organisations where they can find the information they require.

NHS Somerset has a number of these booklets available and GP practices will be receiving them shortly so that carers of people with dementia can be given the booklet and refer to the various sections as and when required. For further information, please contact Alison Rowswell at NHS Somerset on 01935 384060 or email: alison.rowswell@somerset.nhs.uk

Caring for People with Dementia



Information and Guidance
Somerset

Authors David Light and Jim Delves

South West Long-Term Condition Programmes

Wednesday 23 March 2011, Taunton (venue to be confirmed)

An opportunity for Somerset to engage in a regional event with national support, to stimulate the design of long-term condition programmes in the South West.

The impact of long-term conditions will be a central concern to the new consortia. The national long-term condition programme has targeted the south west as an exemplar area. We already have Bridgwater developing a structure for delivering LTC and we need other federations to engage in the QIPP agenda.

This event can provide locum support if needed but numbers are limited. If there is a GP or team member who wants to lead in your federation, please contact m.dolman@btinternet.com

This event links to the Somerset LTC network but is focused on primary care.

WyvernHealth.Com Attend Reception at No 10 Downing Street

Matthew Dolman and David Rooke attended a national conference for first wave GPCC Pathfinderers in London last week. After this they both attended a reception at No. 10 Downing Street hosted by the Prime Minister. They had the chance to meet David Cameron, Andrew Lansley, and Ministers. There were strong messages of support for pathfinder GPCC groups from the centre and a strong hint that the accreditation process for GPCCs would support their development.



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Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 15 February 2011 (1.00 pm to 4.30 pm - including lunch) **Carers Champions Reunion**, St John Ambulance HQ, Bridgwater.

Tuesday 8 March (12.00 noon to 4.00 pm) – Federation of Bridgwater Practices are holding a **Long-Term Conditions Event** at The Canalside, Bridgwater The purpose of this event is to share and promote the work currently underway in the Bridgwater area to improve the care of people with long-term conditions and to learn about the Somerset pilot of Personal Health Budgets. This event is for the Federation of Bridgwater Practices but other Somerset GP Federations are invited to send representatives. Further details can be obtained from Lydia.woodward@somerset.nhs.uk

Wednesday 23 March, South West Long-Term Condition Programmes - event being held in Taunton – contact m.dolman@btinternet.com for further information

Wednesday 6 April (12.45 pm to 4.45 pm – including registration and lunch) **Practical Management of Dermatology in Primary Care**, Dillington House, Ilminster. Further details to follow.

Employment Opportunities

Elective Care Leads (previously advertised in the Elective Care newsletter)

We are looking for a GP representative from each federation to become the elective care lead for their locality.

The lead role will involve:

- Acting as the lead for elective care in your locality
- Liaising with practices in your locality to review elective care referral activity
- Identifying and sharing clinical best practice across your federation
- Work with other federation leads to share best practice across the county

We are currently in discussions with the PCT to ensure that the roles are adequately funded.

If you are interested in being involved as an elective care lead or would like to understand more about the role, please EMail Paul Bearman on paul.bearman@wyvernhealth.nhs.uk.

Commissioning Framework for 2011/12

A key challenge for PBC has been understanding the budget setting; allocation and financial management of PBC budgets at a practice and federation level. This will be key in the new world of GPCC and there is a need to identify individuals from federations who would be interested in participating in developing this further.

Please Email either Nick Matthews (nick.matthews@glastonburyhc.nhs.uk) or Paul Bearman (paul.bearman@wyvernhealth.nhs.uk) if you would like to be involved.

Communications Lead

WH.C is looking to appoint (or second from a member practice) a Communications Lead for 12 months for two days a week. The person should have management experience and, ideally, experience of working in this area. If you would like to express an interest in this position please EMail sue.vowles@wyvernhealth.nhs.uk

We are also interested in hearing from any managerial or clinical staff that have a specific interest or skill which may be useful to support our work in 2011 – some areas we are looking at are: marketing, education, clinical areas, etc.

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