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Dear Colleague

SOMERSET HEART FAILURE MODEL OF CARE WORKSHOP, 2 JULY 2008, SHRUBBERY HOTEL, ILMINSTER 12.30 for LUNCH, 1.15 START, 5PM FINISH

The ageing population together with increasing survival rates following myocardial infarction and other life threatening cardiac conditions has led to an increase in the numbers of people living with chronic heart failure. The publication of the National Service Framework for Coronary Heart Disease in 2000, and the National Institute for Clinical Excellence Guidelines for the Management of Chronic Heart Failure in Adults in Primary and Secondary Care in 2003 has done much to drive improvements in the care of this group of patients. The Healthcare Commission Review of Heart Failure Services identified some excellent examples of services which are currently provided in Somerset in a variety of settings.

The purpose of this workshop will be to enable a range of healthcare professionals from primary and secondary and palliative care, patients and the public, representatives from the voluntary sector, social services and managers representing providers and commissioners to contribute to the development of future models of care.

We plan to run the workshop with a mixture of presentations and breakout sessions which will enable delegates to contribute to the design and development of the ideal model of care. Presentations will include the findings of a recent audit of heart failure services in Somerset, prevalence of heart failure and the development of a primary care based Heart Failure Service in Gloucester. The Map of Medicine, prescribing issues and the role of the pharmacist, Palliative and End of Life Care will also be topics of presentations to help inform our discussions later in the day.

This is an opportunity for you to have your say and influence the future care of the increasing number of people with heart failure. Your contribution will be really valuable and we hope you will be able to attend. The workshop will be held at The Shrubbery Hotel, Ilminster and I attach a reply slip for you to return. It would be helpful if you could please reply by 16 May 2008. If in the meantime you have any queries do please contact me.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Very best wishes

Margaret Bamford

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