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Subject: RE: GWM Hospital - Draft CHI Action Plan

Hi Kathryn

I apologise for the delay but this is my first day back in the office since last thursday, I've read through - and I believe that [Code A] will be making comments under separate cover on the overall Action Plan so I have concentrated on Recommendations 3-6 which revolve around the prescribing issues.

First - Accountability - I think it totally appropriate that the Medical Director is accountable for ensuring that Recommendations 3-6 are carried out. However, although the Acute Trust is currently providing the Pharmacy Services to GWMH I believe ultimately it is the PCT that has responsibility/accountability for the delivery of its services. In my view if the aim is to ensure the quality of the services being provided by Portsmouth Hospitals this would be done better through Commissioning and performance management of the Service Level Agreement. If accountability needs to be shared it may be more appropriate for the Medical Director to share this with Prescribing/Pharmaceutical Adviser(s) of the PCTs.

In addition you may wish to consider the delivery of the training through the pharmaceutical services and personnel that the two PCTs already have access to, rather than putting pressure on the Hospital Trust to supply everything.

Second - the Intended Outcomes (if I have misunderstood these I apologise) - the outcomes which relate to training seem sensible and are readily measured (both internally and externally). However I have a few concerns about the other intended outcomes for Recommendations 3-6 in that the way they have been worded wont allow the PCT to objectively measure them in a realistic time frame. This may appear to be semantics - but I think the wording could be important in terms of giving you achievable targets.

I hope that helps

Regards

Fiona

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From: Kathryn Rowles - Director of Public Health [mailto:[Code A]]
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Hi Fiona

Though you might like to see what I hope will be the penultimate version of the above. We have just gone out to the accountable leads for final changes to the Plan. The aim is to conclude this by the end of next week. The Plan has undergone a fair amount of change since you saw the last version. I was able to capture some of your comments. You will be pleased to know there are now only 12/13 pages and not 20+.

Any final views/comments would be welcome.

Kathryn

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