

A monthly bulletin to keep you up to date with developments in commissioning; produced by the North West Primary Care Librarians Group

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Improving Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPT) Commissioning Toolkit

The Improving Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPT) programme has one principal aim - to help PCTs implement NICE Guidelines for people suffering from depression and anxiety disorders. The Government is committed to improving access to psychological therapies and announced additional funding to increase

services over the next three years. This Commissioning Toolkit is designed to help PCTs improve or establish stepped care psychological therapies following NICE guidelines. The toolkit is structured around the commissioning cycle and is specifically linked to the World Class Commissioning competencies. It brings

together a wide range of existing tools and guides and includes positive practice examples throughout. **(Published April 2008, 48 pages)**

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_084065

CSIP Better Commissioning programme

CSIP's Commissioning Programme has 3 key strands of activity; The National Programme headed by Janet Crampton, The Better Commissioning Learning Improvement Network and Regional Commissioning Programmes. They work with commissioners across health and care to develop commissioning as a

transformational process to meet the new demands of the health and care system. They do this by; providing learning opportunities for commissioners at regional and national level to develop skills and capabilities; developing tools and resources to support policy implementation and best practice in commissioning; working across a number of

government departments and in partnership with other agencies to ensure collaborative approaches to implementation.

<http://www.integratedcarenetwork.gov.uk/betterCommissioning/>

CSIP have nine regional programmes <http://www.integratedcarenetwork.gov.uk/betterCommissioning/index.cfm?pid=996>

New NICE Commissioning guides: Cognitive behavioural therapy and Faecal continence service

This Faecal continence service commissioning guide provides support for the local implementation of NICE clinical guidelines through commissioning, and is a resource to help health professionals in England to commission an effective faecal continence service for the management of faecal incontinence (FI) in adults.

<http://www.nice.org.uk/usingguidance/commissioningguides/faecalcontinenceservice/FaecalContinenceService.jsp>

This CBT commissioning guide provides support for the local implementation of NICE clinical guidelines through commissioning, and is a resource to help health professionals in England to commission appropriate levels of cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT) for the treatment of depression, obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD), post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and anxiety in primary care.

<http://www.nice.org.uk/usingguidance/commissioningguides/cognitivebehaviouraltherapyservice/cbt.jsp>

West Kent PCT: World Class Commissioning strategy and delivering a commissioning model

West Kent PCT is making strides in its World Class Commissioning strategy and delivering a commissioning model with partner Avail Consulting that is improving value for money, driving up clinical standards and reducing inequalities in the local population.

Initially applied to sexual health and dentistry services, the PCT is already seeing 100% improvement in the delivery of GUM services, increased investment in prevention through screening programmes and a transformation in their relationships with providers.

To find out how they did it, click to the video: <http://www.healthexec.tv/cgi-bin/details.pl?action=pre&id=413>

National Cancer Intelligence Network

In line with the commitments in the Cancer Reform Strategy, the National Cancer Intelligence Network (NCIN) will be launched in June 2008.

The NCIN will coordinate the collection, analysis and publication of comparative national information on diagnosis, treatment and outcomes for types of cancers and types of patient, in a way which is useful to patients, commissioners and service providers and other interested parties. As part of the NCRI, partners will help fund research on the data collated by the NCIN, facilitating a more informed analysis of cancer services than has ever been possible before.

<http://www.cancer.nhs.uk/ncin.htm>

Commissioning Specialist Library: Have you say

The National Library for Health are inviting you to assist them in the development of a Commissioning Specialist Library (CSL). The CSL will be an online resource providing timely and efficient access to high quality information resources to those involved in commissioning for health and wellbeing.

<http://www.library.nhs.uk/healthmanagement/>

A resource to help primary care pharmacists in England involved in PBC

What does practice-based commissioning mean for primary care pharmacists? Heidi Wright, Head of Practice at the Royal Pharmaceutical Society, outlines the benefits of becoming involved and points to the various resources available.

<http://www.pharmj.com/Editorial/20080412/articles/p442pbc.html>

Revised guidance: primary care dental contracts Advice on managing end of year issues

Guidance provided in January 2007 (Gateway reference 7719) has been updated to reflect comments from the NHS and to clarify expectations for the end of the financial year. The guidance is now generic and does not relate to any one year in particular.

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http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_084448

Other documents and conferences

North West Specialised Commissioning Team

<http://nww.nwsct.nhs.uk/>

Dying patients given greater choice to die at home at no extra cost to the NHS, King's Fund report concludes

http://www.kingsfund.org.uk/media/dying_patients_given.html

Integrated Drug Treatment System for Prisons (IDTS): allocations for 2008/09

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Lettersandcirculars/Dearcolleagueletters/DH_084463

Putting prevention first - vascular checks: risk assessment and management

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_083822