Out of Hospital update
Autumn 2019

Welcome to the Autumn issue of the Out of Hospital newsletter with all the latest news from our Out Of Hospital programme. We’d welcome your feedback and suggestions, please contact our communications team at communications@cowarkpt.nhs.uk

Putting adults and their carers at the heart of practice

Coventry City Council’s Adult Social Care team recently shared with CWPT their ‘strengths based’ approach to practice. “A strengths based approach aims to achieve the best outcomes for people by focusing on the strengths and capabilities of the individual, their support network and the wider community” explains Andrew Errington, Head of Practice Development and Safeguarding (Adults Principal Social Worker) at the Council. “We believe this approach is key to effective social work, occupational therapy and social care interventions.”

The Council has developed an Adult Social Care Practice Framework which brings together, in an accessible way, its approach to practice, identifying what underpins the work and how this informs interventions. You can find out more here.

The Framework also provides the opportunity to demonstrate how the Council makes sure that its staff have the practice tools, conditions, skills and learning opportunities to implement this approach.

Working with GPs to better understand the needs of our population

Earlier this year we reported on how we are introducing ‘Population Health Management Insight’ data to help GP based clusters to understand the health needs of their population and the impact that this has across the primary care, community and acute care sectors. This new tool will help support the identification of place based health priorities and the development of the integrated care model.

We are now inviting GP Clusters across all health and social care providers to find out more by taking part in a workshop. Unity, Go West and Sowe Valley primary care networks are the first to take part in October. To find out more please email: Jayne.Flynn@cowarkpt.nhs.uk

Fiona McGruer, Interim Chief Nurse and Chief Operating Officer
Improving wound care for our patients

We are delighted that a Wound Care Project group has been set up with representatives from primary care, care homes and local authority. The project aims to improve the assessment and management of wound care in order to achieve better clinical outcomes and patient experience.

Following a review of how we undertake wound care, we have partnered with Forrest Medical Centre in Coventry to pilot a Complex Wound Care clinic. This involves a specialist wound care sister being based at the practice, working closely with the practice nurse to provide expert support in managing wound care.

By working in partnership, we are able to see patients who require tissue viability intervention sooner while they are waiting for their wound clinic appointments. Leg ulcer assessments have been completed and advice on primary dressing treatments ensures that patients are receiving the optimum treatment. This has shown to have positive outcomes in regards to wound healing, reducing patients’ pain and infection risk.

"By upskilling our colleagues at Forrest Medical Centre, we have seen a direct improvement to patients’ wounds" says Jackie Wells, Wound Clinic Sister. “We’ve got a lot of job satisfaction out of this as we know we are improving a patients’ quality of life.”

We are pleased to report that feedback so far has been generally very positive from both patients and practice nurses. We are now working on a tool to evaluate the pilot and are considering how we may be able to roll this out to this Primary Care Network and across wider Primary Care stakeholder partners to ensure equity across all practices.

Insulin Dependent Diabetic project

Diabetes was identified at the Out of Hospital Development sessions as a key development project for improved patient care. A programme of work has been identified to support the management of insulin dependent diabetic patients in the community and the first project meeting with partners took place in September. The main outcomes of the project will be focused on improving patient care and reducing patient dependency on community support for insulin administration.

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