

## GP FIRST – UPDATE – APRIL 2018

*As we leave the first few weeks of the new financial year behind us, I just wanted to share with you what will be happening with the various workstreams that we manage on behalf of NHSE, the CCGs and those that we fund from our own initiatives:*

### **AVS (Cannock and Stafford)**

Both CCGs have confirmed their intention to continue the current AVS pilot up until the end of the March 2019 during which time a rewritten service specification will go through a procurement process to enable the service to be commissioned as a NHS Contract over a fixed term as opposed to an extended pilot. 2 cars will continue to operate covering the geographical areas of Cannock and Stafford.

### **Staffordshire Training Hub (STH) - formerly CEPN**

We anticipate receipt of the funds that will be devolved to GP First for the first four months of the financial year 2018/19 in the next couple of weeks. GP First holds the budget for all 6 CCGs in Staffordshire primarily focussing on Nurse Training and Development. We will hopefully continue to employ Angela Lindsay in the role of Nurse Manager CEPN together with the 5 Practice Nurse Facilitators covering the footprint of each CCG. We have recently been made aware of a new allocation relating to Practice Manager development which is mentioned in the General Practice Resilience Programme and is being devolved to the Staffordshire Training Hub via NHSE. We will share details in the next few weeks.

### **Primary Care Home (Rugeley Practices only)**

GP First will continue to support the four Practices involved in the first wave of this national pilot for as long as resources are available.

### **Physiotherapy Direct Access Pilot (4 Pilot Stafford Practices, previously PMAF)**

This service will receive continued funding until September 2018 with an emphasis of increasing throughput and patient telephone access.

### **Extended Hours (Saturday & Sundays mornings) Hub based at SHaW (Stafford Practices)**

Access via appointments to GPs and Nurses between the hours of 9am and 1pm on Saturday mornings will continue to be funded until September 2018, and from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018, will operate between 10am and 1pm on the first Sunday of each month. The service has had excellent patient feedback and I know is highly valued amongst Practices in creating additional capacity. Service delivery is dependent upon local GPs and Nurses participating in a monthly rota. If you have a spare Saturday morning or wish to contribute to the service on a more regular basis please email Dawn Gayle at [dawn.gayle@gpfirst.net](mailto:dawn.gayle@gpfirst.net) or call 01784 74 74 75.

### **Extended Hours – Core (Stafford Practices)**

Subject to Practices completing our recent request for details that demonstrate the additional capacity delivered in 2017/18, the current scheme of 30 minutes of funding per thousand registered population per week will be available to all Stafford Practices until the end of September 2018. We are delighted to be able to roll forward this scheme into the new year as we know the value it has given Practices in dealing with the daily pressures of patient demand and providing timely access. Please continue to plan your rotas with this resource being available.

### **Wellbeing Workers (Stafford Practices)**

We will continue to fund one day per week of a Practice-based Wellbeing Worker for each of the 14 Practices in Stafford until the end of September 2018. We are currently in the infancy of the project and will continue to collect data during the coming months that will hopefully contribute towards a robust evaluation that will provide evidence for long term commissioning after the duration of the pilot.

### **Care Co-ordination Centre (Stafford Practices)**

We will continue to provide funding for the Care Co-ordination Centre, a one-stop shop for health professionals to refer patients for Urgent Care. It will be funded until the end of September 2018.

### **Abbey HR (Cannock and Stafford)**

GP First will continue to provide on-line portal access to Abbey HR to all Members who have confirmed that they wish to have access together with one-to-one telephone support for the year 2018/19.

### **Ad-Hoc Training and Support (Cannock and Stafford)**

We will continue where resources allow to provide members with ad-hoc training on relevant and topical subjects such as the recently completed GDPR programme that we delivered with PCIG Consulting (Paul Couldrey). A separate email will be sent out outlining how GP First can help facilitate and deliver further training as outlined in the General Practice Resilience Programme.

I hope the brief outline above detailing the areas where GP First can support your Practice and business is of help and affords you the opportunity to plan and deliver enhanced services and access to your patient population throughout the coming financial year. If you do require any further information regarding the above workstreams/projects then please do not hesitate to contact me.

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