GP Referral to Community Pharmacist

Consultation Service (GP CPCS)

Are you interested in an exciting development opportunity, where you will help community pharmacy to be part of an integrated primary care team?

Do you want to support an innovative new project across the South West?

We are looking for highly motivated Community Pharmacy colleagues to join us in implementing the GP CPCS referral service across the South West. You will be working with colleagues from GP Practices, Community Pharmacies, CCGs, LPCs, LMCs and NHSE/I

The aim of GP CPCS is:-

* To improve access to general practice by referring patients requiring advice and treatment, who present with symptoms suggestive of a low acuity condition, from a GP practice to a community pharmacist.
* To ensure patients have access to the same levels of care, close to home and with a self-care emphasis.
* To strengthen the relationships between General Practice and Community Pharmacy.
* To support patients in feeling confident that they will be provided with the right care for them at the right time by the most appropriate healthcare professional.

These roles are critical to successful delivery of GP CPCS and by supporting implementation and working collaboratively with your colleagues to ensure GP CPCS is embedded across the South West.

The role would include:

* Working with stakeholders to support implementation of GP CPCS by leading on joint working with GP Practices and your Community Pharmacy colleagues
* Responsible for implementation, supported by the CCG lead for surgeries and the LPC lead for pharmacies
* Sharing of best practice and lessons learnt across systems to support continued roll-out of the service
* Work with the other Implementation Managers to develop a support network across the South West

Learning from the successful pilot sites, it is important that the following skills and experience are evidenced:

* Pharmacist, with experience of working in a community pharmacy setting or suitable alternative qualification/experience
* Experience in multi-site management
* Influencing style of working to achieve the best outcomes
* The ability to build relationships with all members of a practice and community pharmacy team, tailoring communication style to suit individual circumstances.
* The ability to listen to individuals concerns and support them in delivering change in their own way of working and leading their teams in change.
* Be highly motivated and enthusiastic, using this to drive delivery of projects

If successful, we would ensure that you were fully appraised of the scheme and training would be provided, consisting of sharing of best practice and any lessons learnt from implementation within the pilot sites across the South West. You would be working with likeminded colleagues, who are excited to be involved in championing this new service and being part of the implementation team.

You do not have to commit to full-time: we will consider expressions of interest for sessional work to support the programme. Funding would be based on £240 per day and this would include travel costs. We are currently looking for support until the end of March 2021.

If you are considering expressing an interest please email Michele Toy or Fiona Davenport (email details below) and we will send you a short application form asking you to confirm how you fulfil the skills and experience detailed above.

Should you wish to discuss this exciting opportunity in more detail please do contact either Michele or Fiona on the telephone numbers below:-

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