

Flash report

Diabetes Clinical Pathway Group **highlight report – February 2014**

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Progress Chart for Key Deliverables (Key: Black – Time estimate, Green – On target, Amber – Slightly off target, Red – Seriously off target)

ID	TASKS	Jan				Feb				Mar				Apr				May			Comments				
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1.	House of Care Model	[Black bar]																							
1.1	Develop proposal for piloting 'House of Care' model																								
2.	Diabetic Foot Pathway	[Black bar]																							
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2.2	Explore options for conducting a root cause analysis for amputations																								
3.	Hypoglycaemia Pathway	[Black bar]																							
3.1	Develop proposed pathway																								
3.2	Consider contractual mechanism for improving the pathway																								
4.	Diabetes Dashboard	[Black bar]																							
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Activities – December 2013 - January 2014

- The Diabetes Clinical Pathway Group (CPG) meeting took place on 16th January 2014.
- Evaluation framework for diabetes structured education programme approved by CPG
- CPG has proposed a new Devon-wide hypoglycaemia pathway involving alerts to primary and secondary care and assessment by secondary care (where appropriate). The proposal will be circulated to the Devon Diabetes Service Strategy Implementation Group (DDSSIG) along with other locality proposals for further discussion and agreement.
- Diabetes Foot Team has agreed to investigate a system whereby healthcare professionals can send pictures of the patient's diabetic foot for advice and guidance prior to referral.
- Commissioners are considering how a root cause analysis for amputations can be supported.
- CPG supportive of approach to trial the House of Care model developed by the King's Fund with patients presenting in the diabetes pathway. Group keen to see more detail about practical implications of this proposal. Commissioners will further develop the proposal over the coming months.
- Diabetes Specialist Team has identified a small cohort of patients who are being over-treated in primary care and causing them to have a preventable hypoglycaemia episode. Group agreed to explore ways of addressing the issue.

Activities – February- April 2014

- Explore ways of addressing the potential glycaemic over-treatment in persons at hypoglycaemic risk in primary care
- Develop more detailed proposal for trialling House of Care model
- Consider ways of supporting a root cause analysis for amputations
- Finalise diabetes dashboard and circulate to the group for comments
- Send proposed hypoglycaemia pathway to the DDSSIG for Devon-wide discussion

Board decision or escalation required

None

Risks and issues

Patient Education Programme

- Low number of referrals to new diabetes structured education programme. CPG agreed to look at ways of promoting the programme and raising awareness amongst primary care.