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CEL 08 (2014) 21 May 2014 - The Commonwealth Games 2014 – Provision of Treatment for the Accredited Commonwealth Games Family

Practices will have received an email copy of the above.

One of the many GPs who will be involved in providing medical care at the commonwealth games, has told us that they will be providing care for the entire accredited "games family". They will be based in Glasgow, but we have been told that there will be satellite clinics for the events outwith Glasgow including the shooting event at Barry Buddon, Carnoustie when delegates will be staying in the area from 24th-29th July. We would hope that the numbers who will bypass this and try and access mainstream NHS care will be very small and so hopefully this will not be an issue for GP Practices.

Asymptomatic STI screening clinic Sexual Health

Since the 12th of May, Sexual Health have been running a new asymptomatic screening clinic staffed by an HCA every weekday afternoon within the Ninewells Clinic. Hopefully if utilised by patients/public this service will be continued for the foreseeable future.

Translation Services

We are aware that some Practices use these quite frequently and that the quality of service available can vary on each occasion.

Pammy Chima, Interpretation & Translation Services Project Manager, NHS Tayside is very keen to receive feedback from practices about their experiences in using the service and a feedback form is available to do this. – see attached.

Her contact details are pchima@nhs.net or 01382 660111, ext: 33329.

Any feedback you submit will enable her to collate evidence of where the service can be improved and if it is providing value for money.

Closure of NHS mail SMS service 31st March 2015

This service allows users to send a text using NHS mail and the contract finishes at the end of March next year due to the exorbitant cost the phone company is charging NHS mail to provide this.

NHS England is apparently leading in finding an alternative for use by primary care and so Practices have been advised to take no action as yet.

Adult Learning Disability Update

The complex comorbid health problems and significant barriers to communication presented by Adults with Learning Disabilities in tandem with legal capacity and guardianship considerations is a growing challenge for GPs.

Currently the significant health inequalities experienced by Learning Disabled individuals is a focus at national and local level. The specialist Learning Disability Health and Social Care teams in each of the 3 localities are here to help GPs and are keen to work collaboratively to resolve issues, promote clinical communication and improve the patient experience.

First points of contact are as follows:

Angus Community

Linda Kennedy lindakennedy2@nhs.net ;

Dundee Community

Lesley Burnett lesley.burnett@nhs.net

Perth & Kinross Community

Angie McManus angie.mcmanus@nhs.net.

In addition, as an action following two local Fatal Accident Inquiries, NHS Tayside funds an Acute Liaison LD Nurse supporting those Learning Disabled individuals admitted to acute services for scheduled or emergency care.

Fiona McLean can be contacted on Mobile 07740937309 or f.mclean@nhs.net

PLT

Practices are reminded that they have to notify their CHP of what they do for their in-house events and also encourage attendance at the area events otherwise NHST may find it hard to justify the funding invested in these.

Duloxetine

Just to remind you that this has very recently been added to the chronic pain specialist list for prescribing for peripheral neuropathic pain in non-diabetic patients

The pain clinic are to initiate and review after 2 weeks and *only then* should GPs be asked to take over prescribing.

Pre-op Assessment Requests from Orthopaedics, Glasgow Royal Infirmary

We are aware that one or two practices have received faxed requests to carry out fairly comprehensive pre-op assessments on their patients who are to have Orthopaedic surgery at Glasgow Royal Infirmary.

We have been in contact with the GRI and informed them that General practice in Tayside does not carry out this work. They have agreed to stop sending these requests to practices and instead will offer (and arrange) an appointment for the patient at the pre-op clinic in either Ninewells or PRI.

Please let us know if you continue to receive these requests.

Death Reports – Change in Police Procedure.

You should all have seen the email we sent out recently about the change to local Police procedures when a Death Certificate is not granted. Under the new procedure you will be contacted by a Police Office asking for a print out of the deceased's Patient Summary and Repeat Prescription sheet.

This should replace the need for Officers to have a "face to face" chat with the GP, hopefully saving all involved time.

Police Officers have been made aware of the fact they may still be asked to sign data request forms by Practices.

Please let us know if you encounter any problems with these new changes.

Your GP Cares – BMA Campaign

You will, I am sure, all have seen the media and be aware of this campaign. If you have not already signed up we urge you to do so.

This can be done via <http://bma.org.uk/working-for-change/your-gp-cares>

And finally

As always we welcome you contacting us to raise any issues you think we should be aware of or can help with.

We hope you all enjoy the summer and get a chance to enjoy the good weather, should it appear....

Mary, Andrew T, Andrew C, Richard, Andrew B, Hazel and Sharon

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