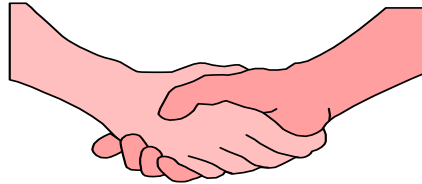


MERSEY PRIMARY CARE R&D CONSORTIUM WELCOME

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INTRODUCTION

This consortium of primary care teams is built on a firm foundation of joint clinical, educational, audit and research activity amongst its members. The creation of a consortium specifically for R&D signals the central importance of this activity to the teams within it, and offers Merseyside an exemplar of the enormous future potential for primary care-led R&D.

IMPORTANT EVENT!

Sickness Certification Presentation for the Minister of Social Security, Mr Hugh Bailey.

The meeting was held on 2nd December 1999 and included presentations of the sickness certification data collection project which is about to begin, and possible interventions for the long-term sick, Steve Flatt's work on cognitive therapy and the Netherton Project for unemployment, anxiety and depression.

The consortium management team is based in a primary care setting.....

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R&D PUBLICATIONS

➤ *NURSING STANDARD*

Authors:
Steve Flatt & Dr Matthews
The efficacy of a standardised intervention in the treatment of migraine.
November 3 1999

➤ *HYPNOS*

Authors:
Steve Flatt & Dr Matthews
A study to identify the effectiveness of a taped hypnotherapy intervention for migraine using an interrupted time series design.
Vol. xxv1 No 2 1999

➤ *GP MEDICINE*

Authors:
Steve Flatt & Dr Machin
Anecdotal Medicine. Nurse specialist aids mental healthcare.
June 25 1999

➤ *NURSING STANDARD*

Author:
Chris Shiels (Researcher)
Pressure sore care.
Vol 14 October 27 1999

For the above publications please contact Gabrielle, details on back page.



HEART FAILURE

Activity Area 1

*Academic Lead Dr F Mair
Clinical Lead Marie Evans*

IDENTIFYING THE ISSUES

A well-attended workshop was held in September at Aintree Park Group Practice. Dr Frances Mair, academic lead in the area chaired the workshop. The issues identified at the meeting were summarised by Dr Andrea Litva (researcher) and a summary and feedback form has been distributed to all attendees and practices.

ANXIETY & DEPRESSION

Activity Area 2

*Academic Lead Professor Dowrick
Clinical Lead Dr Goldberg / Dr Hulbert*

Susan Beaton is developing 2 linked projects on postnatal depression with Health Visitors. Follow up meeting 31/1/00.

Frequent attendance project will be initiated by Paula Hodgson when she starts next month.

MRC study of patients with unexplained symptoms - Adele Ring has been appointed RA and is starting baseline data collection.

SICKNESS CERTIFICATION

Activity Area 3

*Academic Lead Dr Gabbay
Clinical Lead Dr Ford*

Doctors in the consortium will be receiving carbonised pads ie. Med 3, 4, 5. This will enable the consortium to construct a sickness certification database across all 9 practices and will standardise data.

SPECIAL EVENT:

Sickness Certification Presentation for the Minister of Social Security, Mr Hugh Bayley. The meeting was held on 2nd December 1999 and was a great success, the consortium received some good press. A follow up letter has been sent to the Minister keeping his comments on the forefront of policy discussions.

R&D IN PCG'S

Activity Area 5

*Academic Lead Dr Bundred
Clinical Lead Dr Brown*

Two Focus Group meetings have been organised to facilitate nursing research activities. The meetings will provide the consortium with some more in-depth information in addition to the nursing questionnaires that were sent out.

Discussions are taking place to discuss the possible research project, which examines the resource implications of developing Clinical Governance Programmes in Primary Care.

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