

CAM HEALTH

PRESCRIBING LEADS GROUP UPDATE TO MANAGEMENT BOARD AGENDA ITEM 10iii

13th February 2013

The Prescribing Leads Group met on 22nd January. Seven practices were represented.

Topic	Comments & Actions Agreed
PIFF	<p>Four practices have achieved the CCG target of 50% switch to cost effective BGTS. Remaining practice are looking to see if there are any more people they can switch (East Barnwell 35%, Milton 31%, Firs House 24%, Newnham Walk 20%, Bridge St 18%).</p> <p>21% switch from Seretide to Flutiform has been achieved so far.</p> <p>Practices report that they have done most of the work they can on these and the intention is so move onto something else after leads report back on final numbers.</p>
Private Prescriptions	<p>The group is looking to clarify what the options are when a patient insists on a particular drug which is not on the formulary</p>
Gluten free prescribing	<p>Prescribing leads are seeking agreement from their practices not to prescribe 'luxury items' for people with Coeliac disease (i.e. gluten-free cakes, cake mixes and biscuits (sweet and savoury) and pizza bases).</p>
Budget	<p>Cam Health is forecasted to be overspent by £376,000 in 2013/14. Concerns have, however, been raised with the DH about the current national forecast profile and the impact on CCG forecasting.</p>
Medicines Management	<p>MMT proposed replacing the PIS with an alternative:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i) Keep the PIS with slight changesii) Put the money that has historically been taken out of the prescribing budget to fund the PIS back into the prescribing budgetiii) Have something within the PDMA which is more rigid than the current PDMA prescribing section <p>The prescribing group favour keeping the PIS, perhaps including nasal steroids.</p>
Strategy	<p>The Cam Health Prescribing Strategy has been reviewed and updated.</p>
Benzodiazepines	<p>Arbury Road and Nuffield Road practices intend to send letters to their patients who are taking Benzodiazepines encouraging them to reduce or stop use. Bottisham, Bridge St and East Barnwell reported that they have already done this. Letter can be circulated to other practices if they wish.</p> <p>A local Policy still being considered.</p>