Written Progress Update: Annual Health Checks for Adults with Learning Disabilities

The matter of Learning Disability annual health checks under the DES was discussed at the Enhanced Services Working Group on 2nd February. Out of that meeting, myself and a local GP are taking forward the planning and establishment of how we go about improving uptake. With this in mind we attended an event on 20th February which involved people from a variety of backgrounds,

At the event we were able to establish that the immediate focus for Buckinghamshire has to be around ensuring registers are aligned between practices and BCC, training for GPs is identified and carried out as this had previously been offered and needs to be re-introduced and for clinicians who now wish to take part in the DES.

A survey to all practices is being coordinated to distribute among GPs in order to ascertain statistical information as to why the health checks are not being completed and why if they are being completed practices are not making claims for them and if they are not being completed then what work is being undertaken with these patients.

We have discussed with Oxford PCT to gain an understanding of their methods for improving take up and this has demonstrated a model which we will review within Buckinghamshire and includes local specialist nursing teams providing support in the community.

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