

Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is split into three divisions. Clinical Commissioning Groups on Wirral have adopted a federated model which allows them to continue to commission in their current configurations, build on the work that has been undertaken to date, whilst sharing some strategic and governance functionality to achieve economies of scale. This will be achieved by the formation of an overarching governing body. Each division will retain a devolved budget and decision making authority via its own board. The three divisions are known as: Wirral GPCC; Wirral Health CC; Wirral NHS Health Alliance.

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**Aims / Aspiring to Achieve**

- Reduce unnecessary deaths in hospital
- Allowing patients to be cared for in their place of choice
- Influencing local opinion / strategy by attending EOL Steering Group Meetings; QIPP Meetings
- Encouraging GP Practices to actively engage in the "Find your 1% campaign"

**Hospice @ Home -- Admissions Prevention Scheme**

**In 2010 WGPCC developed and commissioned an Admissions Prevention service which was staffed by a highly qualified nurse with a 'can do' attitude.**

- Highlighted the need to explore the development of a crisis intervention scheme to support those patients who were in the last weeks / days of life.
- A Hospice @ Home service specification to be piloted across WGPCC (27 practices) was produced.

**However due to the introduction of the Federated CCG model and the existing funding invested in the local hospice by all 3 CCGs, a Hospice at Home service specification was developed to be piloted across Wirral.**

- Included four elements i.e. Accompanied Discharge to Die; Rapid Discharge to Die; H@H and Crisis Intervention.
- The half year report indicates that the pilot has experienced problems with low numbers of referrals to the H@H service and no crisis intervention service in place.

**Education & Engagement**

GP Engagement

- Macmillan GP Dr Maria Earl has visited over 60% of WGPCC practices which have enabled practices to focus on improving their EOLC registers.
- EOL LES – all Wirral practices have signed up to a GSF LES. The aim is to provide anticipatory care, ensuring the delivery of better coordinated palliative care and reduced hospital admissions in the last 3 days of life.
- Support is being provided to increase the number of practices working to Level 4 GSF.
- Market Place – members of WGPCC were invited to attend a half day event to explore the EOL pathways that are available locally.

Education

- Wirral GPs have attended 2 local Dying Matters events, using the 'How long have I got, doc' DVD
- ACP training event is being planned when the new Wirral unified DNACPR policy is in place

**Challenges and How They Were Overcome**

**Engagement of GPs** – Difficulties with co-ordinating availability for practice visits has been addressed by introducing a training/education incentive scheme.

**Hospice @ Home** – Problems experienced with changing the culture and behaviour of existing teams and the challenge to work collaboratively through various bureaucratic layers of commissioning has begun to be addressed by positively reviewing the teams and services and by expanding the Admissions Prevention scheme on behalf of the 3 Commissioning Consortia.