

Report from GMHSC

Primary Care

The importance of Primary medical care was discussed and more activity is going to be asked for from Dentists, GP's, Optometrists and Pharmacists in an endeavour to try and avoid people going to hospital if their condition is treatable in the Community (conditions such as Asthma, Diabetes, Hypertension). The point was made that the number of GP's are reducing and there is the risk of a 40% reduction in the next 5 years. This is something that will need to be considered.

Oesophago-gastric and Urology Cancer Services

Outlined work so far and touched on future plans. Clinicians to work with GP's to try and extend life after cancer.

Acute Care

The necessity of working towards 24/7 Acute Care was stressed.

Mental Health Strategy

There are two key bodies:

GM Mental Health Partnership Board
Mental Health Implementation Executive

- CCG's will increase level of investment
- There is a need to create a GP commissioning framework for mental health.

They are looking for someone from each GM Authority to look into the state of current mental services.

Congenital Heart Disease

A National Consultation in December is planned to try and ascertain what patients and clinicians would like to see happen