

## 1. Network Manager position



Dr Lindsey Roberts has recently taken up the position of the MO Clinical Network Manager and will be based between the Oxford AHSN Science Park and the Pharmacy department at the Churchill Hospital, Oxford.

Lindsey's background is in psychology and health research and has managed projects in a number of clinical areas over a ten year period. To-date, Lindsey has delivered clinical trials and projects on dementia, patient-centred and outcomes driven research, image quality and image interpretation of CT, PET and MRI image modalities, mental and physical health in the workplace, risk perception of surgical interventions and burnout in nursing staff.

Lindsey is most looking forward to facilitating positive change in patient and population outcomes by using research to influence practice and healthcare services. If you would like to contact Lindsey about MO and/ or AHSN matters, her email is [Lindsey.Roberts@ouh.nhs.uk](mailto:Lindsey.Roberts@ouh.nhs.uk). Additional contact details can be found in the footer below.

## 2. Medicines Optimisation (MO) Projects –progress as follows;

- **Respiratory Project** – the project Team met on 24<sup>th</sup> Feb and made progress on both smartphone app development and CBT-based training for pharmacists. For the app, we are now ready to go to tender for an app developer, and have to finalise the design specification, prioritise functionality into development phases and set out development timescales. For the training scheme, a two day pilot event was organised for 25 pharmacists in March and delegates provided feedback on their experiences of the course, which is currently being evaluated and will be used to refine the course for future events in 2015/16. The project Team will be addressing the question of how to evaluate the impact of the app and the training on asthma patient care and outcomes. We will also be engaging with our colleagues from the pharmaceutical industry to involve them in the project and supporting them so that they can gain a more thorough understanding of our projects to support future collaborations.
- **'Refer to Pharmacy' project** – the name of this project has changed to the 'Transfer of Care' project to align it with the name of service provided by PharmOutcomes. The project Team met on 18<sup>th</sup> March to work through the project implementation plan. Training and awareness events have been run for community and hospital pharmacists in Oxfordshire, Berkshire and Buckinghamshire to prepare for the launch, and the service has been successfully tested. Unfortunately, the launch has been delayed while arrangements are made to get information governance approval for the transfer of patient identifiable information from NHS Trusts. We hope to get this clearance in the next week or so, and we are still aiming for the service to 'go live', Trust by Trust, in May and June, 2015.

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- **Strategic working relationships with pharmaceutical industry project** – meetings were held in March for industry colleagues to present proposals for collaborative working across current projects. The proposals will now be assessed and feedback provided. Simultaneously, discussions are being held with Quintiles to explore alternative approaches to working with the industry. Some further opportunities to work with industry emerged at PPRS/MO Roadshow held in Oxford on 23<sup>rd</sup> April (see below).

### 3. PPRS/Medicines Optimisation Roadshow

The PPRS/ Medicines Optimisation Roadshow, a joint collaboration between the Oxford AHSN, NHS England and the ABPI, was successfully held on 23<sup>rd</sup> April at the Four Spires Hotel in Oxford. The event was attended by 67 delegates, which included senior executives from NHS organisations associated with commissioning and providing health services, AHSN representatives and MO network leads, Senior Pharmacists, Industry and academic partners, and patient representatives.

The morning session was led by NHS England and focused on national and patient perspectives, which also included a plenary session on implementation of the MO Dashboard and a workshop session to consider questions around barriers and enablers to making initiatives sustainable and scalable. The afternoon session sought to identify local medicines optimisation opportunities and develop a local action plan. A summary of the event is being produced and we look forward to collating the information we received from the local action planning session and integrating these aims and objectives into our network projects!



### 4. Patient Safety Collaborative (PSC)



Siobhan Teasdale has joined the Oxford AHSN as a Patient Safety Manager and will be based at the Oxford AHSN Science Park. Siobhan will be working with Jill Bailey (Head of Patient Safety, Oxford AHSN) and Charles Vincent (Clinical Lead, Patient Safety, Oxford AHSN). With Siobhan's arrival we are now actively taking forward a project to reduce harm associated with subcutaneous insulin in all care settings. For details, please contact Siobhan on [Siobhan.Teasdale@ouh.nhs.uk](mailto:Siobhan.Teasdale@ouh.nhs.uk)

The Oxford AHSN is also a nominating imaging organisation for the Q initiative. For Cohort 1, nominations have gone forward from people who demonstrate clear QI experience of leading improvement projects using QI methodology. The aim of the first cohort is for experienced QI leaders to help to design the Q programme for people who wish to train in the approach in the future. Cohort 2 will run next year and will open for applications from people who wish to pursue this training. For details, please contact Jill Bailey, Head of Patient Safety, Oxford ASHN on 07770 641189.

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