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CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

Preferred Option

Question 1: Which is your preferred option?

- Option 1 – Designated specialist service model
- Option 2 – Development of a national Managed Clinical Network
- Option 3 – Participation in a national Multi-Disciplinary Team
- Option 4 – Development of a Regional approach

We would like to better understand the reason why you have chosen this option. The following questions aim to provide you the opportunity to provide further information in support of your choice.

Question 2: Do you consider that your preferred option will offer superior clinical outcomes?

Yes No

Question 3: Do you consider that your preferred option will offer increased cost effectiveness?

Yes No

Is this for NHS Scotland or for the patient or both? Answer to the question relates to the patient.

Question 4: Do you consider that your preferred option is the best model in achieving a service which is deliverable?

Yes No

Question 5. Do you feel that your preferred option will offer most benefit to the wider delivery of chronic pain management services in Scotland, for example the opportunity to develop skills?

Yes No

If you have answered No to any of the questions above, please provide your reasons in the box below.

Comments are also welcomed here if you feel that any of the other options (please state which) would meet the needs described at Questions 2 through 5.

Comments

This is just a step towards a continuity in primary chronic pain management programme. Therefore by definition this question is redundant.

Question 6: Are there any other options which you feel should be considered that have not been included in the options presented?

Yes No

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Question 7: Are there any other elements which should be included in a SIPMP which have not been identified in the current model?

Yes No

If you have answered Yes to Question 6 and/or 7 – please provide further information in the box below.

Comments *In 7 there should be a deep specialist.*

Equity of Access

A key aim of developing services is to ensure that there is equity of access across Scotland. Information at pages 11-12 of the consultation paper provides explanation of some of the points to consider. A full Equality Impact Assessment (for further information, please see Chapter 5 of the consultation paper) will be carried out on the preferred option identified through this consultation. To help inform this assessment, the following questions aim to seek views in this area.

Question 8: What are your views on using tele-health facilities to access / consult with specialist pain clinics?

Comments

Have had experience of this, works well if the tele-health facility is used to supply a part of the primary care. NEVER replace full consultation between specialist / patient.

Question 9: What consideration should be given to potential travelling time / distance / costs? For example, how far/long would it be reasonable for someone to travel to access a SIPMP?

Comments

Very little. This should be done on a regional one to one basis not as an overall consideration. There should be a designated budget for this programme.

Question 10: Is it reasonable that participants wait longer to access SIPMPs if delivered in Scotland because of smaller numbers of referrals?

Yes No

Comments

Question 11: What would be an acceptable time to wait to ensure that a participant joins the most appropriate SIPMP, for example one that is age or condition specific?

Comments *Condition specific not age.*

Question 12: Should the current service provided in Bath be retained to ensure availability of patient choice?

Yes No *It should be phased out after say a three year period.*

Question 13: Should participants of SIPMPs be offered the opportunity for their immediate carer/support provider to join the programme?

Yes No

If you have answered Yes to Question 13, please provide further information in the box below. How do you feel the costs should be met – for example, through the NHS as part of the participants clinical costs, or through carer funding?

Comments ** It is essential from a patient perspective that the ~~positive care~~ support provider IS NOT ALLOWED TO ATTEND.*

Question 14: If residential accommodation is required to participate in an SIPMP, this would be considered by the Equality Impact Assessment. As part of this assessment, are there any points you would specifically wish to be considered, for example distance from the point of delivery, cost, type of accommodation?

Comments *Privacy should be given a high priority whilst making sure that there are good facilities - eg for meals and early evening social activities*

Local Skills, Resources and Capacity

Question 15: Options 2-4 provide three different models for the delivery of services at a local level. Do you feel that local teams have the skills, resource and capacity to deliver SIPMPs for Scotland locally?

Yes No

If you have answered No to Question 15, please provide additional comments in the box below. For example, did this influence the choice of your preferred option?

Comments *This did not influence. There may be an increase in resource to deliver (do not know) services but the cost savings of not sending patient to Bath should be added to the Scotland ~~choice~~ ^{choice} local ~~treater~~ ^{treater} Budget.*

Provision of Information

Question 16: What level of information should be provided to a potential participant? For example, should participants of SIPMPs receive copies of the clinical guidelines used by clinicians?

YES.

Comments

Commissioning and Governance

Question 17: Are there any other safeguards that should be included in any other commissioning agreement, for example, travel costs?

Comments *There should be a limit budget for clinical person input.*

Business Impact Regulatory Assessment

Published with this consultation is a partial Business Impact Regulatory Assessment (BRIA) – for further information, please see Chapter 6 of the consultation paper. Once the preferred option is known, further consideration will be given as to the necessity (or not) of completing a full BRIA.

Question 18: In terms of potential impact of the models described in this consultation, are there any comments you would wish to be considered in terms of impact on any organisation that may be affected? This could include public sector, private sector or voluntary organisations.

Comments

If you wish to add any further comments regarding the issues raised in this consultation paper, please use the box below.

Comments

HOW TO RESPOND

The Scottish Government are inviting written responses to this consultation paper by **8 September 2013**.

Please send your completed Respondent Information Form and completed questions (see "Handling your Response" below) to:
specialistpainservices@scotland.gsi.gov.uk

or to Alan Burns, The Scottish Government, Clinical Priorities Team, Area GER, St Andrews House, Regent Road, Edinburgh, EH1 3DG.

Handling your response

The Scottish Government need to know how you wish your response to be handled and, in particular, whether you are happy for your response to be made public. Please complete and return the Respondent Information Form as this will ensure that the Scottish Government treat your response appropriately. If you ask for your response not to be published, the Scottish Government will regard it as confidential and treat it accordingly.

All respondents should be aware that the Scottish Government is subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, and would therefore have to consider any request made to it under the Act for information relating to responses made to this consultation exercise.

Next steps in the process

Where respondents have given permission for their response to be made public and after the Scottish Government have checked that they contain no potentially defamatory material, responses will be made available to the public in the Scottish Government Library and will also be published on the Scottish Government Consultation web pages.

You can make arrangements to view responses by contacting the Scottish Government Library on 0131 244 4556. Responses can be copied and sent to you, but a charge may be made for this service.

What happens next?

Following the closing date, all responses will be analysed and a report compiled of the findings. An announcement on the chosen model to move forward with will then be made by the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing in October 2013.

Comments and complaints

If you have any comments about how this consultation exercise has been conducted, please send them to the Scottish Government at the address noted at the top of this page.