Scottish Dietetic Leadership Network

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Background

To establish a network of Dietitians across all Boards, specialist groups and other areas where dietitians work in Scotland, to develop leadership, provide expert advice to other organisations, share information, resources by working collaboratively and provide a national perspective on specific Hot Topics identified.

Aim

To support and develop professional leadership through a dynamic approach which contribute to key national forums in Scotland expressing and agreed, informed, professional opinion.

To provide a national vehicle for shared thinking which promotes best practice through creativity, innovation and leadership development within the profession.

Presentations

• Government Review Of Gluten Free Service - Elaine Muirhead and Margaret Ryan
• Survey Of GPs’ Knowledge And Clinical Practice In Relation To Diagnosing And Treating IBS - Lynsey Robinson
• Joint Inspection Of Adult Services ‘Health & Social Care’ – Jane Yarrow
• Review Of Acute Dietetic Nutrition Care Pathway - Elspeth Ryan
• Clinical Expert - OPAH - Janie Gordon
• Developing Core Competence Framework For Dietetic Support Workers - Jane Dudgeon
• Increasing Access To Psychological Interventions For People With A Learning Disability - Workforce Development Plan - Sharon Horne-Jenkins

Posters/Resources

• NHS File AHP Connections (Poster)
• NHS File - Promotional Literature

Discussion

The network began in May 2013 and has covered a wide range of topics, discussions and reports. To develop links to influence groups in Scotland and impact on a range of patient related nutrition and dietetic topics.

Conclusion

"Do it once for Scotland": Working collaboratively across Scotland, dietitians are able to make a bigger impact and demonstrate evidenced based clinical practice and innovation. Sharing ideas, resources and influence.

Representation

• All Health Boards in Scotland
• HIEs
• NES
• Social care areas
• Private practice
• Professional specialist groups and bandings

Meeting Summary

2013: 2 Meetings May and December
2014: 3 Meetings May, September and November
2015: 3 Meetings May, August & November
2016: 2 Meetings, May and August and one planned for November.

Reports

• Exploring the potential for dietetic placements in care homes
• The low FODMAP diet as treatment option for patients with irritable bowel syndrome
• Dietetic Practice Education update 2014
• British Dietetic Association for Education and Development Franchise and the Dietetic Leadership Network
• British Dietetic Association Centre for Education and Development Franchise and the Dietetic Leadership Network (DRAFT 060515)
• Improving the Diagnosis and Management of IBS: Summary Report for Scottish Dietetic Network (May 2015).

Topics Discussed

• Dietetic Support Worker, Career Follower Project
• Gluten Free Food Scheme
• BDA Training Modules
• BDA Curriculum Practice Placements
• Dietetic Placements in Care Homes
• IBS/FODMAP
• 7 day/Flexible Working
• DM UK
• NDR UK
• Recruitment
• Food, Fluid and Nutritional Standards
• Complex Nutrition Standards
• Social Network
• HAES (Health At Every Size)
• Promoting the Profession
• Driver Diagram
• Dietitians Week
• NHS Inform
• Scottish Dietetic Network Website
• Acute Flow of Patients with MUST ≥ 2 into Primary Care
• NHS Scotland Recipe Data Base & Nutritional Analysis Tool (N4)

Links To...

• Chief Health Professions Officer and Associate Directors Group
• BDA Scottish Board/AHPS
• Heads of Dietetic Profession in Scotland
• Specialist Clinical Groups
• NES
• Public Health groups
• Relevant government departments as required e.g NHS Inform

Communication with and by:

• Development of social media e.g. twitter; facebook; linkedin; shared spaces
• Via agreed circulation lists e.g. heads of profession; specialist groups; National Education for Scotland; members of the wider network
• Network membership raise awareness of activity and seek opinion when required from their local area.