Welcome to the second edition of Clinical Leadership in Primary Care. Over the course of February, the focus has been on the Regional Workshops. The first event took place in the West Midlands on 11th March and we will be bringing you a full report in the next edition. A big thank you to the whole team for pulling together and supporting these events.

Also this month is the launch of our new online forum. The site has been set up to keep everyone in touch and to share progress. We hope to populate the site with resources to support local and national clinical leadership, but we need your help, so please get involved and visit the site at NHS Networks; http://www.networks.nhs.uk/nhs-networks/clinical-leadership-in-primary-care

**Action Plans**

One of the most compelling elements of the national event was hearing the personal pledges from the groups – practical things that individuals felt they could achieve. Worthy of inspiring others, we thought we would share some of them here;

5 practical ideas to support clinical leadership in primary care:

1. **Make** sure all working groups have the right primary care representation
2. **Offer** to mentor someone
3. **Don’t wait** – just do it! Try it, and demonstrate success to others
4. **Start** a forum for local clinical leaders
5. **Support** staff to build buddying relationships across the system

**Regional Events update:**

Professionals across primary care have been targeted in each region for these events. The aims is to support local leaders develop clear action plans for their area. Combined, the events will create a movement of clinical leadership across primary care. This is just the beginning! For more information about these events, contact Sally Kit, NAPC at: sally@napc.co.uk
We started to shape a shared vision for clinical leadership in primary care at the event in December. Without this clarity, our efforts will remain fragmented. Below is the draft we described at the event.

Is this your vision for clinical leadership in primary care?

The case for change
Primary care is the first point of contact, but also offers huge variation in terms of quality and outcomes and far too much risk is passed off to secondary care and other parts of the system. Taken together, this amounts to a system which is not delivering as it could on health outcomes, value for money, or professional reward.

The future ...
will be about population based healthcare, integrated systems, working across different providers within health and social care, focused on proactive approaches to managing wellness and prevention rather than reactively responding to ill health, and delivered by devolved teams in terms of resources, budget, decision making and accountability

Why aren’t we there yet?
Historical under development of clinical leadership is a limiting factor, plus dispersed market model, and fragmented voice

The vision ...
is a real social movement around primary care leadership, at all levels, across all parts of the system, and targeted and differentiated at different parts of the system.
That social movement needs to be focused on 2 practical aspects;
1. Challenging ourselves and challenging the system in which we currently operate,
2. Using the opportunities that are there and driving system change by stepping up to the plate

Help us to create the final version by going to our new online forum ...

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