

WHY COLLABORATIVE CLINICAL PATHWAYS

As you may be aware, Whanganui Regional Health Network (WRHN) and Whanganui District Health Board (WDHB) have recently commenced the Collaborative Clinical Pathways (CCP) Programme within the district. A Collaborative Clinical Pathways Leadership Team has been set up to implement this initiative and will use Map of Medicine (MoM) as the pathway development tool.

The Combined Clinical Directors have endorsed the adoption of MoM as a means of improving communication and referral pathways between providers, and standardising clinical practice thereby enhancing patient health and wellbeing.

WHAT ARE COLLABORATIVE CLINICAL PATHWAYS (CCP)?

Collaborative Clinical Pathways (CCP) via MoM (development tool) supports the optimisation of patient care by providing comprehensive, evidence-based guidance and clinical support at the point of care. Making your local care pathways available across the Whanganui primary and secondary health care, Collaborative Clinical Pathways are proven to standardise clinical practice, reduce variation in care and improve outcomes.

WRHN have contracted Project Facilitation from MidCentral to assist with the development of the CCP Programme; using their key learning's, knowledge and editing expertise.

CCP LEADERSHIP TEAM

The CCP Programme has been endorsed as a DHB/WRHN key priority in the annual plan and is being led by the CCP Leadership Team. The membership of the team is made up of the following members:

- Julie Nitschke (CD WRHN)
- Alaina Glue (Project Facilitator)
- Jevada Haitana (Associate Director of Nursing WDHB)
- Rick Nicholson (CD WRHN)
- Tom Thompson (CD Medicine WDHB)

WHY ARE WE ADOPTING COLLABORATIVE CLINICAL PATHWAYS?

Benefits of using Collaborative Clinical pathways include:

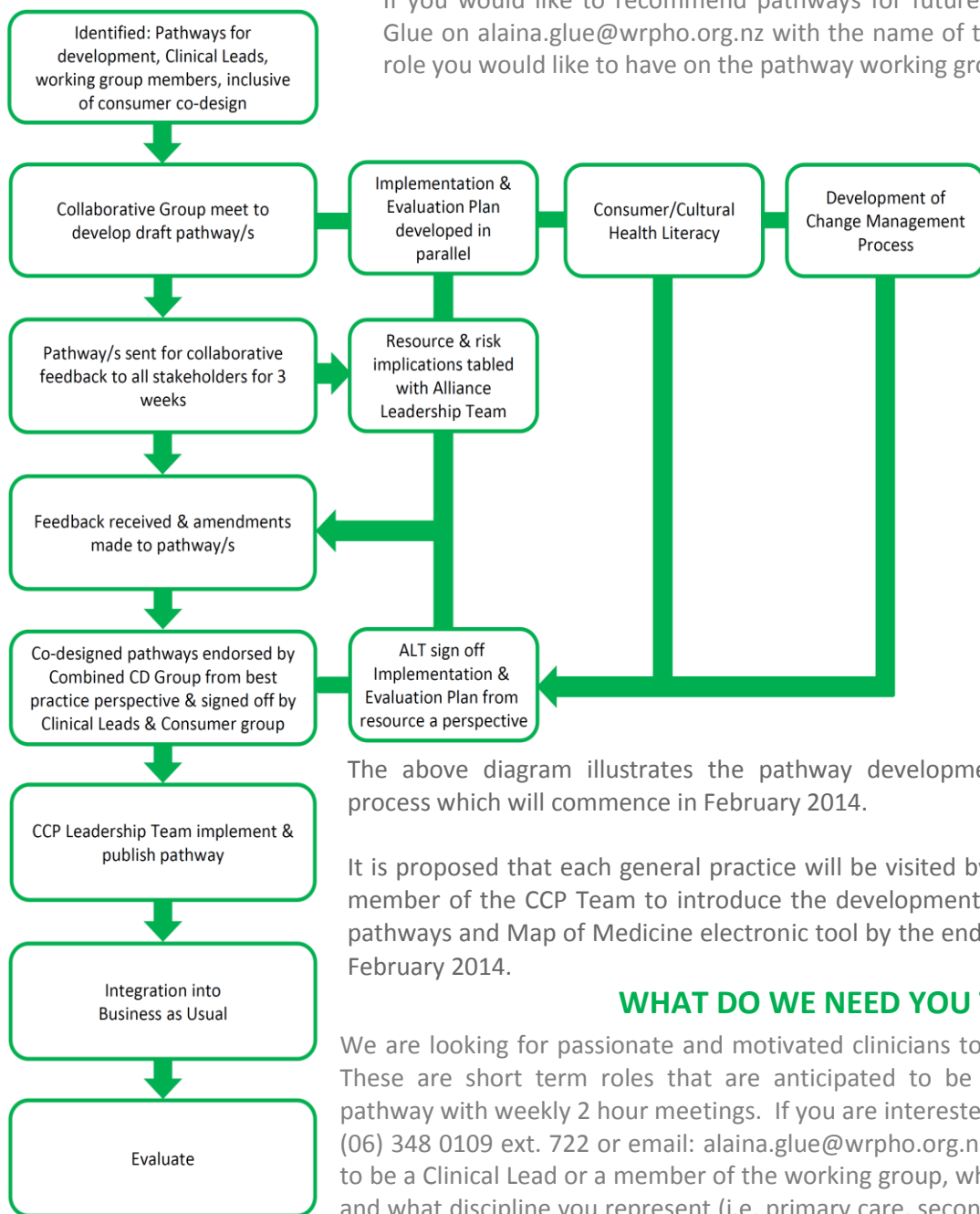
- Enhanced accuracy of referrals
- Using best practice guidelines
- All information is found in one place
- Enhanced partnerships and collaboration across services
- Improved patient outcomes through seamless care across primary and secondary care

WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

- Can provide evidence of following best practice for PDRP's/MOPS
- Attainment of MOPS/CME points for involvement in development of pathways

| Old | New |
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| Fragmented referral pathways | Seamless referral of patients across primary and secondary care ensuring appropriate screening, diagnostics, referrals, treatment and follow-up. Guaranteed acceptance of referrals if pathway is followed by clinician. Priority of access to diagnostics if pathway is followed by clinician |
| Paper based referral forms | Electronic referral forms; self-populating referral forms for MedTech users |
| Old guidelines being used and found in a number of different locations | All information is found in one place and using updated guidelines and best practice - efficient use of time |
| Hospital and primary care have separate pathways which do not talk to one another | One agreed tool for clinicians in hospital and primary care to use |

DEVELOPMENT PROCESS



If you would like to recommend pathways for future development, please email Alaina Glue on alaina.glue@wrpho.org.nz with the name of the pathway and indication of what role you would like to have on the pathway working group.

PHASED APPROACH TO PATHWAY DEVELOPMENT

Phase One
February – June 2014

Child Asthma
Child Eczema
Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT)
Cellulitis
Acute Chest Pain
Dementia

Phase Two

Adult Respiratory
Advance Care Planning (ACP)
End of Life Care
Stroke

Phase Three

Post-Menopausal Bleeding
Mental Health
Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD)

The above diagram illustrates the pathway development process which will commence in February 2014.

It is proposed that each general practice will be visited by a member of the CCP Team to introduce the development of pathways and Map of Medicine electronic tool by the end of February 2014.

WHAT DO WE NEED YOU TO DO?

We are looking for passionate and motivated clinicians to join our pathway working groups. These are short term roles that are anticipated to be for approximately 6-8 weeks per pathway with weekly 2 hour meetings. If you are interested please contact Alaina Glue on ph: (06) 348 0109 ext. 722 or email: alaina.glue@wrpho.org.nz. Please indicate if you would like to be a Clinical Lead or a member of the working group, what pathway/s you are interested in and what discipline you represent (i.e. primary care, secondary care, pharmacy etc.). You can attain MOPS/CME points for participating on CCP Working Groups.

There will be a representative from WDH B Funding and Planning on each Working Group to ensure access to resources is realistic and facilitated to align with Best Practice.

ARE CLINICIANS INVOLVED?

All General Practitioners, specialists, and other health professionals in Whanganui will be able to access electronic international and national clinical pathways on Map of Medicine website. To get registered with Map of Medicine to view care pathways please email Alaina Glue (alaina.glue@wrpho.org.nz) with your details – you will receive a password, username and instructions on how to access the pathways.

To access Map of Medicine go to: <http://app.mapofmedicine.com>.

CONTACT US

For more information on the CCP Programme please contact either Julie Nitschke on ph: (06) 348 0109 extn 725, email: Julie.Nitschke@wrpho.org.nz; Rick Nicholson via email: rick@aramohohealth.co.nz; or Alaina Glue on ph: (06) 348 0109 ext. 722, email alaina.glue@wrpho.org.nz. For updates on the CCP Programme visit the Whanganui CCP website at <http://clinicalpathwayswhanganui.wordpress.com/>.

