



SMMGP June newsletter

Welcome to all our new SMMGP and FDAP members.

An ever-dwindling share of care (Post It from Practice – Steve Brinksman)

“Most of the people I see who are on OST are incredibly complex, not so much from the point of their drug use but as an ageing cohort with an array of physical and mental health problems...”

Our Clinical Director, Dr Steve Brinksman writes about the erosion in drug treatment shared care schemes and his concerns for the impact it has on patients.

If you feel that shared care provision in your area has been affected by national policy, drop us an email on admin@smmgp.org.uk.

Webinars for CPD (Premium Members)

Experts in the field of alcohol and drug treatment discuss and educate on relevant topics in online presentations for our Premium Membership scheme. Each webinar provides 1 hour CPD and a certificate is issued at the end of the year. Recent webinars (now available) include:

Responding to the misuse of fentanyl - Dr Prun Bijral 25.05.18

Dr Bijral Medical Director CGL discussed the issues relating to the worrying trend of fentanyl use, and outline how services can respond. [Watch now.](#)

Hepatitis C care pathways- Dr Carola Sander-Hess 11.06.18

Dr Sander-Hess, Medical Lead Inclusion outlined hepatitis C care pathways and how to make them work including how to engage clients into treatment. [Watch now.](#)

SMMGP Premium Members have access to our full library of previous webinars covering a range of topics in the field.

Not yet an SMMGP Premium Member? Don't lose out on our quality CPD - sign up today.

News

SMMGP/RCGP Conference – 29 & 30 November 2018 in London.

RCGP Learning
Essential CPD for primary care

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Managing Drug and Alcohol Problems in Primary Care
29 - 30 November 2018 | London

Road to recovery: political destination or patient journey?

The conference will be a two-day event this year, on Thursday 29th and Friday 30th

November 2018 at RCGP, 30 Euston Square, London. The full programme will be available soon. Confirmed speakers include:

- Dr Prun Bijral (Medical Director, Change, Grow, Live)
- Pete Burkinshaw (Alcohol and Drug Treatment and Recovery Lead, Public Health England)
- Dr Anne Connolly (GP - Bradford)
- Phil Harris (Trainer and researcher)
- Professor Sir John Strang (Professor of Addictions, King's College)
- Dr Owen Bowden-Jones (Consultant, Addiction Psychiatry)
- Poorna Bell (Author and Journalist)
- Thomas Jones (Senior Addictions Liaison Nurse, South London & Maudsley NHS FT, SMMGP Clinical Update editor)
- Dr Stephen Willott (Chair, GP - Nottingham)

Pricing

Early Bird rate (ending 30 August 2018) - £299

Abstract Submissions

You are invited to submit posters and papers on any aspect of working with drug and alcohol users in primary care.

The conference is the largest UK event for GPs, shared care workers, drug users, nurses and other primary care staff, specialists, commissioners and researchers interested in, and involved with the management of drug users in primary care.

Papers and posters can include a brief description of your service and how it was developed, how you overcame a local problem and/or improved practice, or research and audit that you have carried out.

Applications for abstract submissions can now be submitted. Please email rcgpconferences@rcgp.org.uk for an Application Form.

The deadline is Friday 28th September 2018.

PRIZE DRAW! Survey to compare UK/Australia treatment providers' attitudes about addiction and treatment

Please complete a brief survey (10 mins) - open to anyone who works in the drug and alcohol sector, in any role - to compare treatment providers' attitudes about addiction and treatment in the UK and Australia. [Complete the survey.](#)

Thank you for responses to date, please promote this survey if you work in a treatment provider as more responses are needed from UK practitioners - thank you in anticipation!

Leadership for community pharmacy (Mary Seacole)

Applications are now open for places on the Mary Seacole Leadership Programme for Community Pharmacy. The programme is open to community pharmacists and pharmacy technicians working in community pharmacy for at least 40% of their working week - [FREE places available](#)

Drawing on experience

'The terms 'training' and 'CPD' are often used interchangeably, but they are different.'

Kate Halliday, our Interim Executive Director writes about the important role of CPD in improving our practice. [Read the article.](#)

From the SMMGP / FDAP Team



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