

GPC (Wales) Top Tips for Cluster Plan

- Health Board administrators complete the plan documentation but ALL practices in the cluster should participate in discussion and take ownership and agree areas in the plan
- When considering areas for the plan identify
 1. **Is this resourced within GMS or not** – if not, do consider options. These could include - Enhanced Service, staff resource needed, financial resource required to transfer this from secondary care, financial support required from public health, financial support required from Local Authorities, could grants / EU funding support some of the public health initiatives)
 2. **Timescales** for delivery – will help keep cluster and HB on track
 3. **Outcomes** – will help support any bids for resources e.g. reduced referrals, reduced admission, improved delivery of services to patients in the community
- **Include the 3 national care priorities in relevant sections**

For most practices the themes for these will only be emerging towards Dec therefore consider adding these to the agenda for meetings in last quarter of the year to make for a meaningful discussion
- **Consider what ES are available in your cluster** and whether all are signed up – if not, is there scope for encouraging take up OR for other practices to provide this (there are accountability and governance frameworks available in many HBs to facilitate cross payment / appropriate sharing of information)
- **Consider other differences across area**

E.g. **Access** – remains a big priority for WG as Minister continually highlights that he has many letters re: this

 1. is there room for development?
 2. Are other practices adopting a system that might alleviate pressure within your practice
 3. Would online appointments / prescriptions / access to investigations reviewed increase capacity
 4. Consider adding the GPC Wales survey of workload to identify what work your cluster is doing on behalf of others and identify solutions to address **Vaccination rates** - ?share good practice or ideas on where uptake is high (accepting that for some practice there is a refusnik population who won't have vaccines no matter what we do)
- **What IT would help support your network** e.g. My Health On Line,
- Take a look at the **GPC Collaborative Working Document** – many of the areas are applicable to most clusters but may be some new areas for consideration E.g. sharing staff skill mix across cluster
(please note the purpose of the collaborative working document is to help support sustainability of practices)