



MURs—End of Year Report

Essex making progress

A key initiative this year for the LPC has been to support contractors with Medicine Use Reviews. Our aim has been to improve both the quantity carried out and their quality. We have just received the statistics for the end of March and can now share the good news with you. In March 2006 76 pharmacies in Essex carried out an MUR. In March 2007 this figure had nearly doubled to 139. In the year 2005/6 6,150 MURs were carried out in Essex. This year that figure has more than trebled to 19,400.

Well done.

We now have 210 pharmacies that have carried out an MUR in the last year with 9 pharmacies having completed their full allocation of 400. Over half of the pharmacies carried out an average of one or less MUR a week, which shows the potential that still remains to grow the service again this year.

We have held two clinical workshops in recent months and will hold others during the coming year to provide continuing practical help.

The LPC still remains of the view that MURs are a key service through which community pharmacy can not only provide a hugely beneficial offering to the public but also demonstrate to the PCTs and other Healthcare professionals the value that we can bring to the NHS. MURs will be strongly featured by our public relations consultants—Mosaic, during the remainder of 2007.

Please visit our website if you require further advice or support or contact us at mur.help@essexlpc.org.uk

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