

### MUR-November LPC meeting update

The statistics for July and August are now available and it is encouraging to note the continuing improvement when compared to last year..

The number completed is slightly below the peak achieved in June however the number of pharmacies completing in the month reached a new high at 154 in July. The number of pharmacies who have now completed a MUR has passed the 80% mark.

Continuation of this performance will lead to at least a 50% increase in the numbers of MURs completed by the year end.

I have now agreed a strategy with the 5 leads (appended) and am meeting with each individually to determine which elements to prioritise in each locality.

A newsletter detailing some of the proposed activities was sent out with the latest edition of the Essex LPC newsletter.

I have started visiting pharmacies to obtain good examples of MURs that have taken place and hope to use some of these at GP forums I have been invited to in SW Essex later this month.

I have attended pharmacist forums in SE and NE Essex. The former was attended by the new Chief Executive and he would like to see MURs utilised more and is very keen on developing a discharge process with the local hospital. The latter resulted in the agreement to hold a workshop on COPD in January next year.

Workshops on dermatology, supported by Leo, are to be held in W and SW Essex towards the end of the month.

I have held meeting with the Pfizer to explore the possibility of holding a workshop on CHD and will do the same with Napp and Pfizer in mid November to explore ideas on pain. A meeting with Roche reviewed their MUR support pack for osteoporosis.

Finally I met with a company that has developed an IT solution to collecting the information obtained in a MUR and sending it in compatible form to the GP surgery. It has wider implications and Simon and I will provide further information at the LPC meeting.

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