

## **MUR-September 2008 LPC meeting update**

The statistics up to May are now available and the start to this financial year is the best to date. For the first time, in April, over 4000 MURs were claimed and more contractors made claims than ever before. May showed a slight decline against this in both claims and claimants.

The projected target for the year is now approaching 46000 representing an increase of 20% on last year. This will equate to 38% of the maximum possible.

This will mean that over £2m will still go unclaimed at the end of the year.

The only workshops to be held recently have been the ones mentioned in the May update, sponsored by Pfizer. These have been held in SW Essex in collaboration with the PCT and LPC. Two have taken place with a further four planned in the next month or so. SE Essex have also agreed to these workshops and they will be hosting two during September.

The workshop is run by a change management company called Threshold and involves acted role plays to stimulate the expertise in the room. The feedback from the first two has been very positive.

A full write up will appear and be shared as widely as possible.

Pfizer will be reviewing their support following the above workshops and if successful may well be looking to offer similar events throughout Essex.

West Essex PCT is progressing slowly with its projects aimed at improving the quality of MURs with the added aims of improving relationships with GPs and greater involvement in PbC.

Mid Essex are holding a meeting on obesity shortly before the LPC meeting and feedback can be obtained at the meeting.

NE Essex are looking to progress discharge planning MURs and Simon can update the meeting.

If I have missed out any activities I'm sure the five leads will be able to update you.

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