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Policy ignorance - a clinical risk issue

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Introduction

There has been increasing concern recently that many doctors do not have a clear working knowledge of cornerstone health policies. This could potentially lead to a break down in delivery of key health packages to target patient groups.

Method

We rang on-call paediatric doctors at middle grade and SHO level at all hospitals in Wales and questioned them on their knowledge of a number of documents of critical importance. To ensure valid uncoached results we rang them at 2300hrs, with no prior warning. We invited them to complete a brief oral questionnaire lasting around 20 minutes, and covering the following recently launched health policy papers:

- 1. Structural initiative partnerships the new arms-length health imperatives
- 2. Innovation in local health packaging-taking Welsh whole-life decisions
- 3. A framework for co-operative health drivers for change in implementation

Results

A total of 135 doctors were contacted, though not all responded appropriately. 16 asked us to send the child to the admission ward. 7 suggested we contact NHS direct, or our own doctor in the morning if we were still concerned. 2 wished to order a mozarella and gherkin pizza. None were able to recall exposure to the policy documents.

None were able to demonstrate the ability to distinguish between proactive healthcare servicing and start-up healthing primers. 63 appeared to be called away urgently.

Conclusion

An alarming ignorance of crucially important issues and themes in current health delivery amongst junior medical staff emerged in our survey. This is clearly a clinical risk scenario. A root and branch approach is mandated to resolve this, and we strongly recommend the formation of a working group tasked to develop a best-fit modality of communication opening an effective health dialogue, combined with an expansion of policy launch procedures, and the evolution of a broad brush strategy for implementation.

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