

Conference consensus statement

RCGP 11th National Conference: Management of Drug Users in Primary Care

Are we Delivering Effective Care in General Practice?

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This conference believes that:

- Effective care for drug users is being delivered in general practice, because we have inherent ability and flexibility to see the person rather than the drug
- Good care is dependent upon all players, including service users and carers, working well together in a whole system approach which is adequately resourced
- However provision remains patchy
- We all need to:
 - Take up the challenge to audit and evaluate our work
 - Train and offer training opportunities to undergraduates and graduates
 - Actively promote good practice amongst other colleagues in general practice and the wider drugs field
 - With colleagues develop a nationally agreed outcome monitoring tool
- We call upon the NTA, HCC, Government and local commissioners to take account of the effectiveness of primary care provision and ensure universal coverage of this within an overall systems approach