

Full equalities impact assessment - PHSS LES Arrhythmia

Directorate: Strategy Service: PBC

Piece of work being assessed: Chiropractic pilot Primary Health South Sheffield Consortium

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Single Equality Scheme strand	Baseline data and research –	Is there likely to be a differential impact? If 'yes', is that impact direct or indirect discrimination?
Gender	Palpitation, the uncomfortable awareness of a beating heart, is a normal experience and a common presenting symptom in primary care. Mayou et al's <i>Characteristics of patients referred by GPs to a cardiac clinic with palpitation</i> (n=184) showed fewer women than men presented depending on the sub-type of palpitation problem (41% - 48%) (Q J Med 2003; 96:115-123).	No.
Race	No information found.	Unknown
Disability	Palpitation is associated with marked distress and disability, according to Mayou et al. Depending on the sub-type of problem, 20%-56% experienced chest pain; 34%-72% breathlessness; and 49%-68% dizziness. Psychiatric disorder was diagnosed in 38 (21%). The most frequent diagnoses were panic disorder and depression. 62 patients (35%) reported panic attacks. GPs mentioned current (n=15) or past (n=8) psychiatric problems in 61% of those identified as having such problems by the research assessment.	Possibly
Sexual orientation	No information found.	Unknown
Age	Patients in Mayou et al's analysis were typically in their early or late 40s.	No.
Religion/belief	No information found.	Unknown

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Strand	Issue	Action required	How will you measure the impact/outcome?	Timescale	Lead
Gender	Services need to accommodate both women and men; including trans people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor gender of patients referred 	Count at 6- and 12-month evaluations	6mths 12mths	Linda Cutter/ Agnes McAuley
Race	Check statistics of services users for Race to ensure take up and that services are meeting need	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Race is currently not being monitored. QOF currently incentives practices to record ethnicity only at new-patient registration. Corporate issue for PCT action. 	Count at 6- and 12-month evaluations	6mths 12 mths	Linda Cutter/Agnes McAuley
Disability	Palpitation is associated with marked disability, most frequently panic disorder and depression	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LES is intended to provide service closer to home, in more familiar and reassuring environment of a GPs surgery but we will ensure adequate patient information is provided about service and way patients may be able to help themselves; Pathway will prompt GPs to follow up DNAs Patients followed up at 3 months 	<p>Patient information leaflet drawn up</p> <p>Audit criteria agreed with Cardiac Planning Group to identify: Practice-delivered interventions provided to patients with benign palpitations All interventions</p>	6 mth 12 mths	Linda Cutter/Agnes McAuley
Sexual orientation	No data available	Monitor sexual orientation of patients	Count at 6- and 12-month evaluations	6mths 12 mths	Linda Cutter/Agnes McAuley
Religion/ belief	No data available	Monitor religion and belief of patients	Count at 6- and 12-month evaluations	6mths 12 mths	Linda Cutter/Agnes McAuley