FAO: All GP Practices

**GPPB Key Messages**

Worcestershire and Herefordshire Health and Care Trust have confirmed to GPPB that they will be deploying EMIS for use by Mental Health Teams.  This is a positive move by the H&CT, engaging with GPPB to assist in bringing the system to practice level.

Following recent proposed changes to outpatient services in Worcestershire Community Hospitals we have agreed a three way discussion with GPPB, The Health and Care Trust and the Acute Trust to ensure a GP voice in future redesign of these services.

Following dialogue with the H&CT, a Strategic Partnership Board is being worked up and will become operational from 1 April.    This should enable GPPB to secure a good deal for general practice, enabling them to influence a GP centered way of working.

It has become apparent that colleagues from the wider system are making contact with individual CDs / practices.   If there is something discussed with you that you feel is an issue for more than just your locality and will be impacting others, then please direct them to GPPB as it is likely that a more beneficial outcome can be achieved at scale.   We recognise that partners in the system are still becoming familiar with GPPB and therefore education is still needed.

On behalf of the GPPB

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