

Topic Audited/Evaluated

Date: 30/10/14

Previous HbA1c of 48mmol/mol or above and not on diabetes register

Background

It became clear through an IT search that there were a group of patients with an HbA1c in diabetic ranges that were not diagnosed as having diabetes. There are of course implications here, and some HbA1c levels were significantly raised and should have been considered for early treatment

Standards Set

The standard should be that ALL patients that have a HbA1c level >48mmol/mol should be on the diabetes register. There may be the odd exception where a second level has not met the diagnostic criteria

Data Collection Methods

A computer search identified 58 patients with an HbA1c of 48mmol/mol or more and were not on the diabetes register

Practice Members Involved

Myself and the IT department, who performed the search

Results

I reviewed each of the records and invited each of the patients, by letter, to have a further HbA1c level before discussing the results. A large cohort of patients had had levels taken as part of their 'Health Check' and were considerably old readings. It was thought best to update each of these with a fresh HbA1c level

Change To Practice/Organisational Learning As Consequence Of The Audit

Each of the doctors and nurses have been contacted by email to remind them of the diagnostic criteria of Diabetes using HbA1c

Anticipated Re-Audit

In 12 months time.

This was in fact performed in July 2016 which identified 2 patients. A further search run in October 2016 identified 26 patients.



-  Bewdley Medical Centre
-  The Church Street Surgery
-  Hagley Surgery
-  Kidderminster Medical Centre
-  Stourport Health Centre
-  York House Medical Centre

Actions Planned/Taken

To instruct the IT department to run the audit every 2 months using the MI suite and disseminate to the Diabetes leads at each of the WFHP sites for action.

Dissemination

To all WFHP site Diabetes leads



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