As we move into the 2013/2014 financial year the Wessex PSU is expecting some long standing pieces of work to come to fruition.

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Updates and additions to the PSU web pages include:
- “Meet the Team” has been updated to reflect the resignation of Dr Judy Curson—Consultant for Professional Support
- Updated, simplified Forms A, B, C, and D uploaded in Word format
- Updated referral forms uploaded
- VSG section updated to include referral form for Occupational Health

As always updates can be accessed via: http://www.wessexdeanery.nhs.uk/professional_support_unit.aspx

On the Horizon

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- Quarterly updates from CMs to the PSU
- Rolling out an update format/template for VSG members to case managers
- Consider how to ensure that people who refer doctors to the PSU are “kept in the loop”
- Continue to work on the website as a resource for all involved with PSU work.

Website Updates

Welcome to the new PSU update

At our last PSU Operational Panel a number of things were suggested to help the PSU, Case Managers (CMs) and Virtual Support Group (VSG) members communicate more effectively and to ensure that we are all using the most up to date paperwork and resources available to us.

One of the recommendations was that we start a periodic “newsletter” and so here it is!

The periodicals will be archived on the website so that you can check back if you know something was announced in a previous one but can’t lay your hands on the information.

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Statistics

So far in 2013 the PSU has received 40 referrals for doctors in training, including:
- 5 from the Foundation Programme, 13 at CT/ST1—3 level, 14 in higher specialty training, and 1 in dental training
- 5 confirmed referrals for exam support
- 17 cases confirmed as closed from the 77 total referrals from 2012

Upcoming Dates for the Professional Support Unit

- Case Manager Development Day 09:00—17:00 Tuesday 21 May 2013—Southern House
- Case Manager Peer Supervision Meeting — Tuesday 18 June 2013 — Southern House
- Case Manager Induction — Tuesday 9 July 2013 — Holiday Inn, Eastleigh
Professional Support in the *New World*

As you will all be aware as of the 1 April 2013 the Health and Social Care Bill came into force with wide ranging changes for the entire NHS.

The Strategic Health Authorities are no longer in existence, save for a few “legacy teams” and Clinical Commissioning Groups now hold a large budget responsibility in their local areas.

The Wessex Professional Support Unit now forms part of Health Education Wessex, which in turn forms part of the Health Education England.

What this means in practical terms is to be seen, however the boundaries of the area we cover have not changed.

The PSU expansion project is set against a wider need for support services for doctors in the light of both the new structures and medical revalidation and this will no doubt have an impact on our work in the future.

Official developments will be communicated to all of our stakeholders as and when they are agreed.

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**GMC Survey**

The 2013 GMC National Training Survey was launched on 26 March and will run until Wednesday 8 May.

The results of the survey inform much of the work undertaken by our Quality Team here in the Deanery. Whilst we appreciate that some doctors receiving support from the PSU may be reluctant to complete the survey it is entirely anonymous and it is an ideal opportunity to give feedback on the post(s) that the doctor has been trained in. There is a specific section regarding professional support.

Please encourage all of the doctors you have contact with, not just under the PSU to complete the survey.

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**Contributions**

As this periodical update is a new venture for the PSU we would welcome your feedback on the format and nature of the publication, as well as any suggestions for improvement.

We would also welcome any contributions that you think others may find useful, or requests for particular content.

We are happy to receive feedback to the contact details below and hope that you have some ideas for developing this communiqué.

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**PSU Contact Details**

You can contact the Professional Support Unit whenever you have a query relating to our work, or if you’re looking for advice on a referral or active case.

If you have a general query you may find the answer on our web pages: [http://www.wessexdeanery.nhs.uk/support/support/professional_support_unit.aspx](http://www.wessexdeanery.nhs.uk/support/support/professional_support_unit.aspx)

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