



Network Primary Care Educational Events: 06/07

- **Cardiac Care in the Community: December 06**

Overview: In response to feedback received from across the North West sector about educational requirements for GPs, the Network arranged two educational events at an inner and outer London venue.

Attendance: the events were attended by 89 delegates: 56 on 13 December at the Northwick Park venue (Playgolf), and 33 at the Royal Society of Medicine.

Attendees came from each of the eight PCT areas in North West London with a greater turnout from outer London PCTs. The majority of delegates were GPs (72%) whilst the remaining attendees were comprised of primarily practice nurses and PCT CHD leads and a dietician.

Evaluation: 99% of the attendees who completed an evaluation form found the events 'extremely' or 'quite' useful in enhancing their knowledge of, and understanding in, this area.

- **Introduction to Cardiac Care Course for Practice Nurses: March 07**

Overview: To address the gap in training for practice nurses in cardiac care across the sector, the Network developed a comprehensive three-day cardiac programme, a pilot of which was held at St Mary's Hospital in March 07.

Attendance: Thirty nurses completed the training programme. Initially, four places were offered to practice nurses from each of the eight PCTs, however, interest varied considerably across the sector with a high level of interest from some PCTs and very little from others. Where there were fewer than four registrations for specific PCTs, the places were offered to practice nurses from other PCTs.

Evaluation: 100% of the participants who completed an evaluation form found the programme 'extremely' or 'quite' useful in enhancing their knowledge of, and understanding in, this area. Due to the success of this pilot, the Network intends to run the programme on a six-monthly basis.

- **Primary Care Arrhythmia Awareness Meeting: April 07**

Overview: the above meeting was held to increase awareness and share information regarding the implementation of NSF Chapter 8 and the progress being made in the management of arrhythmia patients in North West London.

Attendance: The meeting was attended by thirty-four primary care clinicians from six of the eight PCT areas in North West London, twenty-five of whom were doctors, and the remaining nine nurses.

Evaluation: 100% of the participants who completed an evaluation form found the meeting 'extremely' or 'quite' useful in enhancing their knowledge of, and understanding in, this area. A subsequent meeting is planned for 11 October at an outer London location. Feedback from the initial meeting will inform planning.