RCGP Continuity of Care in General Practice Community

Community Guidelines for Joining
Have you as a GP, health professional or a patient seen problems with the lack of continuity? Do you want to increase continuity in your GP practice?

The 2017 Health Foundation research on continuity of care and hospital admissions shows that if patients saw their most frequently seen GP two more times out of every 10 consultations, this would be associated with a 6% decrease in admissions\(^1\).

The Continuity of Care in General Practice Community of Practice is a community that brings together GPs, healthcare professionals and people with lived experience to share learning about continuity of care in general practice. The community will explore a broad range of topics including how to achieve continuity of care, how this contributes to enabling people to live healthier and happier lives. Along with how this supports improvements in the delivery of care.

The RCGP will support those with an interest in continuity to join a community for continuity of care in general practice through:

1. **Facilitating continued learning** and bringing together expertise and emerging continuity of care learning for primary care professionals. By sharing and developing learning from the Health Foundation’s improvement programme ‘Continuity of Care in General Practice’

2. **Sharing best practice** and promoting continuity of care approaches. Sharing resources and case studies both online and through a series of webinars that will explore best practice, discuss challenges and enable networking

3. **Supporting relationship building** through facilitating the participants to share ideas, co-develop solutions, celebrate successes and overcome challenges both online and through network meetings.

To join the network, you must:
- Be working in primary care or have strong links to primary care
- Have a strong interest in continuity of care in general practice
- Have an interest in being very engaged and will commit to be an active participant

Interested in joining? Please, review our community guidelines and send us a few short sentences outlining your interest and work in primary care (max 200 words) and / or your CV to continuityofcare@rcgp.org.uk.

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\(^1\) The Health Foundation Report Feb 2017 - Briefing: Reducing hospital admissions by improving continuity of care in general practice Sarah Deeny, Tim Gardner, Sally Al-Zaidy, Isaac Barker, Adam Steventon
Community Guidelines

Thank you for joining our community! We’re very happy that you are here and look forward to your contributions.

To help create a safe and fruitful environment for this community, we have created some guidelines.

We ask that you help us to create great conversation by engaging with:

- Kindness, politeness and respect for fellow community members and moderators
- If you come across something that interests you, share with the community
- Smart and informed ideas that contribute to the discussion
- Constructive and useful criticism

We ask that you kindly avoid posts containing spam; defamatory, obscene, offensive, threatening, discriminatory, abusive or hateful comments, or; advertising / promotion of services.

We reserve the right to determine, at our discretion, whether contributions to our community breach our guidelines and to hide or delete comments made in our community, as well as remove users who do not follow these guidelines.

If your comment is removed and/or you are removed from the community, you can appeal by contacting innovation@rcgp.org.uk. Your case will be reviewed by the Head of Innovation and the Clinical Innovation Lead and we will respond within 30 days.