

20<sup>th</sup> May 2015

### **Launch of the new Community Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT) Service at Roe Lee Surgery**

Blackburn with Darwen Clinical Commissioning Group is pleased to announce the development of a new Community Based Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT) Service delivered by Roe Lee Surgery.

#### **Outline of the Service**

The service will receive direct referrals from GP Practices of patients with a suspected DVT and will provide rapid access to diagnosis, treatment and aftercare services. This pathway replaces the previous pathway via referral to Ward 28, Urgent Care or Ambulatory Care. Referrals via email, fax, telephone, or in person and a pre populated referral form is currently being loaded onto EMIS (see attached). In the meantime, a summary print out (of your last consultation) will be accepted. The service will offer full assessment, D-Dimer test, Doppler ultra sound scan and management of the suspected DVT (in line with NICE guidance). The patient will be seen on behalf of the GP until appropriate discharge (or may refer back if the patient requires further investigation). The service will also provide on-going support in the form of an open appointment system for up to a 3 month period and will provide referral packs to GP Practices, patient leaflets and will communicate the outcome to the patient's GP.

Patients who cannot be seen by the Community DVT Service within 4 hours (as per NICE guidance) should be provided with a suitable quantity of anticoagulant (Rivaroxaban) whilst the patient is awaiting an appointment. Please see attached referral pathway for further information on prescribing.

**Care of Complex Patients** - Those more complex patients will be initially assessed by the service and may then be referred to secondary care for further investigation (e.g. suspected pulmonary embolism with DVT, patient on active cancer treatment, patients who are bed bound, pregnant patients should be referred to secondary care).

The Service will be provided from Roe Lee Surgery from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016 (12 months) and is available from Monday to Friday 8am to 6:30pm.

#### **DVT referral contact details**

**Phone: 01254 618000**

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**Email: [roelee.scripts@nhs.net](mailto:roelee.scripts@nhs.net)**

The service is working in partnership with East Lancashire Hospital (ELHT) Trust and East Lancashire Medical Services (ELMS) to establish a referral pathway for patients seen during the Out of Hours period. This will ensure that patients are directed to the most appropriate service. Please find

attached a GP pathway document which provides an overview of referral information. Also attached is a list of pharmacy's who current stock Rivaroxaban, other local pharmacies have been contacted and have been requested to stock Rivaroxaban also.

Should you require any further information or any queries please do not hesitate to contact Samantha Jones, Scheduled Care Senior Commissioning Manager, at the BwD CCG via email: (Samantha.Jones@blackburnwithdarwenccg.nhs.uk) or the community DVT service directly.

Regards

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