Excess treatment Costs / Savings

Summary of key points discussed at discussion Forum RD Forum Annual Conference Stratford May 2016

_NHS foundation Trust in the South of England:

Drug savings collected but they are difficult to capture
CCG do not invoice to collect the savings
Board report of savings – CCG told of savings
But More guidance needed

_Wessex area_ – ETC applications to central pot but < 1k does not apply

_Hospital Trust in South Coast_
1 Drug savings from PI/CT but not always visible – Pharmacy system captures them
2 Commissioners Save
   • KPI to Board for visibility of saving
3. ETC applied – discretion?

_Savings_ to consider in addition to drug costs: Trial nurses instead of care nurses undertaking tasks paid for by CCGs

_2 larger foundation Trusts_
• ‘No ETC process so stop research’
• Still seen as a barrier

_Midlands CCG_
ETC process
• Resource intensive to collate information, analyse per CCG and apply.
• More costs in process than actual cost to treatment.

_Midlands hospitals trust_
• CCG finance director says that ETC added to all contract prices for Providers
• E.g. £35 for X-ray + £1.50 (for ETC/capacity building) = £36.50 given to Provider.
   But – In the Provider each Directory/Service has a tight overall budget so there is an internal battle to get this £1.50 when needed for ETCs
• Pharmacy Spreadsheet savings used
Suggestions

• Have a model like Wales – so NHS England have an ‘ETC pot’ researchers can go to, may encourage CCGs to be more research active.
• Could LCRNS help with administration advice to researchers and understand the process in their area?
• Do not make an industry out of the process of collating ETC and ETS’s. Providers “accept it is their contract/tariff and pay all ETC and keep the savings. However this was pointed out it would discourage small providers and some are now 3rd sector/private to get involved in research.

Please send any more examples of ETC/ETS in action from commissioners and providers – they will be anonymised

Please also send solutions

Deadline: 30th June

Email these to Shona Haining at s.haining@nhs.net