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Dear colleagues,

At the end of 2013 a Myalgic Encephalopathy/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (ME/CFS) and Fibromyalgia (FM) Task and Finish Group was set up to focus on the practical means of improving NHS services and patient experience. I attach a copy of their report and would draw your attention to the eleven recommendations made by the group including timescales for implementation and reporting requirements.

The recommendations provide the tools to:

- increase timely diagnosis, allowing effective care to commence promptly
- provide effective self management advice much earlier
- minimise the chances of people's conditions becoming severe and/or requiring increased health service resources
- streamline referrals, ensuring more efficient and economic use of resources
- improve the experience and outcomes for patients,

An All Wales Implementation Group will be formed comprising LHB clinical leads from a variety of different healthcare professionals including a paediatrician, third sector patient representatives and Welsh Government.

I have asked Ann Noyes, Healthcare Policy Division, Welsh Government with responsibility for taking this work forward to contact you shortly about the establishment of the All Wales Implementation Group.

Best wishes,
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