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Subject: ICD10 codes for Alcohol-related conditions- user consultation

Dear All

This is an **invitation to participate in an expert user consultation process**.

The Substance Misuse Team at ISD routinely uses a cluster of ICD10 codes to extract hospital discharge data from the SMR01 and SMR04 databases. These data form the basis of the national statistics that we publish on alcohol-related hospital discharges.

An ISD-based group recently reviewed the list of codes, and suggested some changes. We believe that the proposed changes should be evaluated and agreed via a formal consultation process before implementation.

In the first instance, I am writing to expert parties who we believe will be interested in participating. **I would be very grateful if you could respond indicating your commitment to the process by Friday 13 June.** Once you have responded, I will send you briefing material, including some history and context, the 2 lists of codes (original and revised) and some analyses illustrating the implications of the change. The Substance Misuse Team will be available to provide any additional information/analyses you may require.

The consultation process will take place via email. In the event that we have difficulty reaching consensus, I may arrange a meeting/teleconference at ISD to expedite matters.

There is some time constraint here; we need to have a code list agreed by the end of summer if we are to use it as the basis of our 2007/08 National Statistic.

I look forward to hearing from you

Best regards

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