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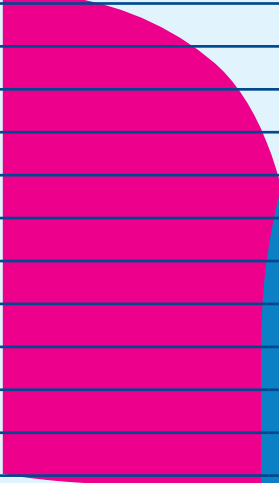
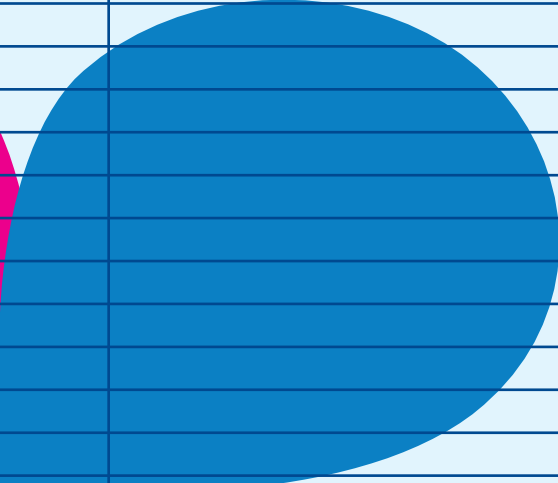

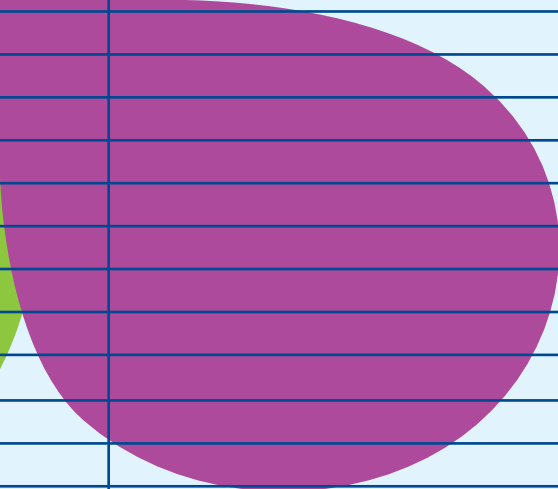
-  Education and training in pain management for all clinical professionals at all levels should be formalised and expanded, including ensuring the availability of relevant professional qualifications. This would both increase capacity in HSC services to treat the condition, and help manage demand for hospital services as GPs would be better aware of what treatments are effective in managing patients with chronic pain
-  A clinical lead specialist for pain in Northern Ireland should be appointed to lead the development of a high quality network of services for chronic pain both at a GP and hospital level
-  Community based pain management services should be developed building on successful local initiatives which have been shown to improve patient outcomes
-  Patient self-management should be supported by signposting patients towards providers of the Expert Patient Programme and self-management initiatives such as the Pain ToolkitTM which can assist patients in managing their condition better
-  Assessment of pain should be included in the Quality and Outcomes Framework (QOF) GP incentive scheme. This would encourage GPs to ask patients proactively about their pain, to treat it as promptly as possible and to ensure that the treatment given is effective in controlling the patient's pain
-  Guidance on commissioning effective pain management services should be developed by the DHSSPS to support Health and Social Care Trusts in planning the best package of services to meet the demands of local patients
-  An indicator focussed on patients' experience of their pain should be included in the plans for national outcome measures announced in the DHSSPS's recent Quality2020 strategy, to ensure the quality of pain management services continually develops

Call To Action

-  Raise the issue of chronic pain in the Assembly by tabling questions or seeking to secure an Adjournment Debate in the Assembly on what steps the Executive is taking to improve services for the condition
-  Write to the DHSSPS regarding the steps they are taking to improve education and training in HSC for pain management



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