

ACTION PLAN HERTFORDSHIRE AND SOUTH MIDLANDS AREA TEAM: HOMICIDE REVIEW PUBLISHED SEPTEMBER 2013

It should be noted that NHS Hertfordshire was responsible for commissioning GP services prior to the formation of NHS England 2013.

This was also prior to the publication the Multi-agency Statutory Guidance for the Conduct of Domestic Homicide Reviews (Home Office), which came into being 13.4.11.

	Recommendation	Action	Responsibility	Timeline
1	Commissioners of GP services should ensure, and ensure that they can demonstrate, that GPs are treating all patients, who present with depressive symptoms, in line with the current national NICE guidance 'Depression: The treatment and management of depression in adults (update) *CG90+ 2009'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ NICE guidelines are good practice recommendations. The Area Team ensures through the Local Medical Councils and newsletters that GPs are made aware of all new guidance; ○ GPs are expected to work within the Good Medical Practice framework which is revised annually (General Medical Council 2013); ○ GPs all use only accredited clinical IT systems which have in-built, condition specific management parameters which reflect current best practice, including the most recent NICE guidance. 	NHS England	In place
3	Commissioners of GP services should work with GPs to establish methods of ensuring themselves that GP record keeping is of a consistently high standard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ GPs are expected to work within the Good Medical Practice framework which is revised annually (General Medical Council 2013), within this is a chapter outlining the standards for record keeping called 'Record your work clearly, accurately and legibly'. ○ The General Medical Services contract states that a practice will 'keep adequate records of its attendance and treatment of its patients'. 	NHS England	In place