

Medicines used to treat mental health problems - what would you like to know?

6.30pm, Wednesday 9 March 2016

Bromley Court Hotel, Bromley Hill, Bromley, Kent BR1 4JD

This masterclass is an opportunity for you to ask questions and/or get expert advice about anything related to prescribing for mental health problems within primary care.

Carol Paton, Chief Pharmacist and **Dr Derek Tracy, Consultant Psychiatrist and Associate Clinical Director for Crisis, Inpatient and Rehabilitation Services** will be on hand to discuss and advise you.

Do you

- have questions about the management of specific psychiatric conditions?
- worry about prescribing for patients with chronic physical health problems as well as mental health issues – where there may be drug-disease or drug-drug interactions?
- have questions about prescribing for pregnant or breast-feeding women?
- have a real-life case you'd like advice on?
- want to know something/anything about a specific drug or side effect or monitoring requirement?

The floor is yours. We will do our best to help.

Please think about topics for discussion and either let us know in advance or simply come prepared on the day.

Certificates of attendance will be given.

Refreshments will be available from 6.30pm and the session will begin at 7.30pm.

To book a free place, please call us on 01322 625034 or email rhiannon.adams@oxleas.nhs.uk

Medicines Information Line

Need help or advice with prescribing for mental health problems?

Call **01322 625002**

(Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm)

or email: **medicinesinfo@oxleas.nhs.uk**

Who uses this service?

The main users are our consultants and psychiatrists in training, but this service is also available to primary care colleagues.

What advice is available?

In the last year, we've given patient-specific advice about the use of medicines covering a wide range of subjects including:

- the identification and management of adverse effects
- prescribing in pregnancy and breastfeeding
- choice of treatments in patients with complex physical co-morbidities
- plasma level monitoring
- treatment-resistant illness

How quickly will I get a response?

If you call us, we will ask you how quickly you need a response and do our best to meet this deadline. Over the last year, 99.7% of responses were given within the required time-scale.

If you e-mail us out of hours, your inquiry will be acknowledged on the next working day and either answered immediately or a timescale for providing a response communicated to you.