**TOP TIP – Frailty - GMS/PMS core contract data**

*Letter dated 9 July 2020 – From 1 July 2020 practices should resume “Clinical reviews of Frailty”*

Named GP and the service for the identification and management of patients with frailty are combined in this quality service (QS). It is a *contractual requirement* for all patients to have an accountable GP.

Practices are also c*ontractually* required to identify **moderate and severe frailty** for patients aged 65 years and over on an annual basis.

For the frailty service practices will be required to use an appropriate tool, which is Electronic Frailty Index (eFI), to identify patients aged 65 and over who are living with moderate and severe frailty.

For those patients identified as living with **severe frailty**, practices will be required to:

* Deliver a clinical review, including providing an annual medication review
* Discuss and record whether the patient has fallen in the last 12 months, and record a falls discussion has taken place.
* Provide any other clinically relevant interventions, such as a referral to the falls service.
* Promote to patients without an enriched Summary Care Record (SCR) the benefits of it, seeking informed patient consent to activate the enriched SCR – (*this only needs to be recorded once not every year*).

For those patients identified as living with **moderate frailty**, practices will be required to:

* Deliver a clinical review
* Discuss and record whether the patient has fallen in the last 12 months, and record a Falls Discussion has taken place.
* Provide any other clinically relevant interventions, such as a referral to the falls service.
* Promote to patients without an enriched Summary Care Record (SCR) the benefits of it, seeking informed patient consent to activate the enriched SCR – (*this only needs to be recorded once not every year*).

The link will take you to the guidance for the GMS/PMS core contract data collection

<https://digital.nhs.uk/services/general-practice-gp-collections/service-information/gms-pms-core-contract-data-collection#purpose-and-outline>

*Things to remember,*

* Code all Severe and Moderate patients this has to be done annually
* Arden’s have a template for frailty to ensure you are using the correct codes it would be reasonable to use the template provided. If you are using your own template please ensure you have the correct SNOMED codes. Please refer to Technical Requirements for 2019/20 GMS Contract version 2 for the most up to date SNOMED codes <https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/technical-requirements-for-2019-20-gms-contract/>
* You do not need to recode anyone who has been offered and accepted an Enriched Summary Record each year.