Rising to the WHO Medication Without Harm Challenge

Welcome!!

The first stop for professional medicines advice

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House keeping

And meet the Team
Current & Past Medicines Use and Safety (MUS) Team
The third Global Patient Safety Challenge
The Global Patient Safety Challenges

Previous challenges – handwashing, surgical checklist

The third is Medication Without Harm
Overall goal - 
*Reduce the level of severe, avoidable harm related to medications by 50% over 5 years, globally*

UK government’s response is being worked up – likely to be launched in Spring 2018

Medication Without Harm - launched March 2017
WHO Domains

Patients and Public (are not always medication wise and too often are passive recipients …..)

Medicines (are sometimes complex and can be puzzling in their names or packaging ……..)

Health Care Professionals (sometimes prescribe and administer medicines in ways and circumstances that increase the risk of harm to patients ……..)

Systems and practice of medication (are complex and often dysfunctional and can be made more resilient to risk and harm ……..)
Key action areas

Early priority actions (effectively manage three key areas to protect patients from harm)

- High-risk situations
- Polypharmacy
- Transitions of care

Developmental programmes (take action to improve safety in each of the four domains)

Global action – by WHO

http://www.who.int/patientsafety/medication-safety/en/