NEW: National community pharmacy oral anticoagulant safety audit
This community pharmacy safety audit of anticoagulant medicines has now been launched and more details can be found [here](#). There has been lots of activity already. The audit will provide a safety check for patients prescribed anticoagulants and insight on the current use of alert cards and record books.

NEW: Medicines Use and Safety Annual Report 2016-17
A short overview of the work programme delivered in 16-17, including network events, webinars, resources and audits [link](#). 

Webinar Programme
8 November 2017 *Issues with Mental Health Medicines in the Perinatal Period* with Nicola Greenhalgh. [Register here](#).

Team News
We are delighted to introduce you to our new team members.  
**Jo Jenkins** is the new National PGD Lead Specialist Pharmacist. She has a background in acute, primary and community health. Jo brings with her a wealth of experience of developing and using PGDs at the coal face.  
**Alison Warren**, a Consultant Pharmacist in Cardiology, is joining us for one session a week to support our cardiovascular work, particularly our current work programmes on the safe use of anticoagulants.  
**Pav Gandham** joins us on a six month part-time secondment providing project support. Pav was a Chief Pharmaceutical Officer’s Clinical Fellow and continues to work with CPPE.

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**Recent Resources**

**Medicines Optimisation**
- **NEW**: Medicines Use and Safety Annual Report 2016-17 [link](#)  
- **NEW**: The Montgomery judgement and informed consent to treatment with medicines: A survey of pharmacy staff [link](#)  
- **RECENT**: Pharmacy support for people with sight loss [link](#)  
- **RECENT**: Consultant pharmacist toolkit [link](#)  
- The Inpatient Survey – things we forget to remember [link](#)  
- Health & Justice Medicines Optimisation Programme [link](#)  
- Medicines Optimisation in atrial fibrillation [link](#)  
- Pain Management Formulary for Prisons: Implementation Resources - Examples from Practice [link](#)  

**Medicines Safety**
- **RECENT UPDATE**: Medicines Reconciliation: Best Practice Resource Toolkit - all links now updated [JH](#)  
- **RECENT from UKMi**: What naloxone doses should be used in adults to reverse urgently the effects of opioids or opiates? [link](#)  
- From UKMi: Discontinuation of Protelos (strontium ranelate) granules for oral suspension [link](#)  
- From MSOs: Community Pharmacy Patient Safety Group website launched [link](#)  
- Medication Safety Officer Handbook [link](#)  

**Governance**
- What are the roles and responsibilities of the various signatories of PGDs? [link](#)  
- Authorisation of Independent Healthcare Provider (IHP) PGDs for NHS and public health commissioned services [link](#)  
- The “Rough Guide” to Community Health Services [link](#)  
- PGDs for administration of Contrast Media in Radiology Services [link](#)  

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Collaborative Audits

- NEW: National community pharmacy oral anticoagulant safety audit. Developed with other NHS and professional organisations, this audit is now live [link]
- National community pharmacy audit of hydration messages to prevent acute kidney injury [link]

Work in Progress

- Clinical Prioritisation – a review of our current resource to reflect electronic prescribing and risk stratification measures
- Anticoagulant information update – alert cards and patient materials
- “Medicine Matters” a refresh of 2006 DH guide

Network Events

Forthcoming events in 2017:

- Older People Network: Patient-centred pharmacy support: Focus on visual impairment. Focus on cognitive impairment. London 7 November 2017 [link]
- Webinar: Issues with Mental Health medicines in the Perinatal period with Nicola Greenhalgh 8 November 2017 [Register here]
- Webinar: Carter in Mental Health and CHS with Ann Jacklin 10 January 2018 Registration details to follow
- PGD learning event London. 6 Feb 2018 Registration details to follow

Recent Past Events:

- Webinar: Overview of developments in Medicines Adherence with Claire Easthall (University of Leeds). 11 October 2017 [link]
- All Sector Network: Rising to the WHO’s “Medication without harm” challenge London. 31 October 2017 [link]
- Webinar: Implementing Medicines Reconciliation in Secure Environments with Denise Farmer, Ajbola Gbadebo, Thomas Cox and Andrew Taylor. 13 September 2017 [link]
- Webinar: Issues for patients with a Learning Disability and their carers - tips on how pharmacy teams from all sectors can provide medicines optimisation support 12 July 2017. [link]
- Tackling polypharmacy – Stopping medicines safely 5 July 2017 - recordings now available [link]
- Productivity, Quality and Safety in Community Health Services 22 June 2017 London [link]
- Health & Justice Network event 16 May 2017 London [link]

Publications


Publications – Medicines related conversations: changes to informed consent. This page on our website links to a number of publications on consent and deprescribing that have been published by the team

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