NEW: DHSC report on reducing medication-related harm

The DHSC report on reducing medication-related harm, linked to the WHO Global Patient Safety Challenge, has now been published. SPS support for this initiative will include network events (see below), a dedicated webinar programme and a new repository to share examples of good practice.

NEW: Patient (Medication) Safety Alerts from the NPSA and SPS resources to support their implementation

This webpage brings together all the patient safety alerts that relate to medications that were published between 2002 and 2012 by the NPSA. All these alerts are still active. Where SPS have developed resources to support the implementation of the alert they are hyperlinked.

Network events
- 7 June 2018 CHS network - Carter 2 & WHO “Medication Without Harm” in CHS. More information will be available here
- 12 July 2018 All Sector Network - Delivering the WHO “Medication Without Harm” Patient Safety Challenge. More information will be available here

Webinar Programme
- 14 March 2018 Informed Consent And The Law: Implications for Medicines – Related Consultations (including information on the Montgomery judgement) with Nina Barnett and Claudia Carr Register here
- 11 April 2018 Mental Health - Top Tips for acute care Ray Lyon and colleagues. Registration details to follow

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Recent Resources

Medicines Optimisation
- Medicines Use and Safety Annual Report 2016-17 link
- The Montgomery judgement and informed consent to treatment with medicines: Pharmacy Survey link
- Pharmacy support for people with sight loss link
- 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

Medicines Safety
- NEW: Patient (Medication) Safety Alerts from the NPSA and SPS resources to support their implementation link
- NEW from UKMI: In use product safety assessment report: Onexila® XL link
- Medicines Reconciliation: Best Practice Resource Toolkit link
- From MSOS: Community Pharmacy Patient Safety Group website launched link
- Medication Safety Officer Handbook link

Governance
- UPDATED: Can two licenced products be mixed together prior to administration under a PGD? link
- UPDATED: Is extension of an expiry date of a PGD allowed without review and re-authorisation? link
- NEW: PGD Quality Assured Information - Acute Policy and Audit template link, CHS Audit Tool link
- NEW from PHE: PGD template – hepatitis A and typhoid vaccine link, typhoid vaccine link
- RECENT: Can a medicine with Risk Minimisation Measures (RMM) be included in a PGD? link
- Quality PGDs – 7 steps to success link
- To PGD or not to PGD? – that is the question (version 9.5) link
Collaborative Audits

- National community pharmacy oral anticoagulant safety audit. Developed with other NHS and professional organisations, this audit is now live [link]

Work in Progress

- Clinical Prioritisation – a review of our current resource to reflect electronic prescribing and risk stratification measures
- “Medicine Matters” a refresh of 2006 DH guide
- Scoping project to determine the level of provision of antimicrobial therapy via PGDs.
- Audit of RPS standards for optimising medicines in secure environments.

Network Events

Forthcoming events in 2017:

- Webinar: Informed Consent And The Law: Implications for Medicines – Related Consultations
  Nina Barnett and Claudia Carr 14 March 2018 [Register here]
- Webinar: Mental Health - Top Tips for acute care
  Ray Lyon and colleagues 11 April 2018
  Registration details to follow
- Webinar: Tackling Polypharmacy in acute care
  Emily Ward 9 May 2018
  Registration details to follow
- CHS network: Carter 2 & WHO “Medication With Out Harm” in CHS
  7 June 2018
  More information will be available [here]
- Webinar: Administrating oral medicines to patients with swallowing difficulties
  Paresh Parmar 11 June 2018
  Registration details to follow
- All Sector Network: Delivering the WHO “Medication Without Harm” Patient Safety Challenge
  London. 12 July 2018
  More information will be available [here]

Recent Past Events:

- Webinar: Medicines optimisation for adults receiving social care services in community settings
  with Lelly Oboh 14 February 2018 [link]
- PGD learning event London. 6 February 2018 [link]
- Webinar: Carter in Mental Health and CHS with Ann Jacklin 10 January 2018 [link]
- Older People Network: Patient-centred pharmacy support: Focus on visual impairment. Focus on cognitive impairment
  London 7 November 2017 [link]
- Webinar: Overview of developments in Medicines Adherence
  Claire Easthall 11 October 2017 [link]
- All Sector Network: Rising to the WHO’s “Medication without harm” challenge
  London. 31 October 2017 [link]

Publications

- Barnett N & Carr C The Montgomery judgment and pharmacist consultations Prescriber Jan 2018 [link]

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