For Action

HPTP One Year on – Please update us

We now have over of 150 of you signed up to Kahootz, which is great, however, to date we have still only received 16 responses to our HPTP One Year On Survey (with a thank you to those 16). As indicated in last month’s newsletter, this is a quick temperature check on the key questions emerging from the One Year On events such as – Should we do a mandatory HTPT refresh? How far are you on with EPMA? How are your outsourced outpatients doing – in particular prices for renewing contracts?

With the Secretary of State’s recent announcements with regard EPMA funding, your responses to our survey will greatly assist in mapping the current EPMA landscape.

**Suggested actions:** To complete the HPTP -One Year On survey before it closes on Friday 13th April 2018 - https://nhsi.kahootz.com/connect/ti/HoPMOp/view?objectId=4925379

Cost Improvement Programmes

Last month we issued a CIP guidance update as an aid memoire/checklist to assist in the CIP 2018/19 planning process. Trusts have submitted the first cut of their CIPs but a large number of these have not incorporated any identified medicines savings for next year (and some have submitted disproportionately high figures, with some proposing to implement CIPs in excess of £1m for ‘pay’...).

**Suggested action:** We suggest you use the CIP summary we previously circulated (link here) as a checklist in building or finalising your local CIP plan, and double check with your finance lead that your figures are consistent with those being submitted by the trust.

Chief Pharmaceutical Officer’s Clinical Fellow Scheme (2018/19) – Applications are now open

Twelve organisations will host a Clinical Fellow this year (please see details below). Information about the CPhO clinical fellow scheme can be found here and applications are accepted through this website (via the FMLM, Faculty of Medical Leadership and Management). A recording of the webinar will be made available via the FMLM website after Monday 19th March.

Some key details for potential applicants:

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Revalidation for Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians

Revalidation is a process which will help you to keep your professional skills and knowledge up to date, allow you to reflect on your practice and to show how you as a pharmacy professional will provide the safe and effective care patients and that the public expect.

For more information on the process, standards and support available please use the following links on the GPhC and RPS websites.

https://www.pharmacyregulation.org/revalidation
https://www.rpharms.com/professional-development/revalidation

Suggested action: Begin discussions in your departments, further support is available through the RPS support line.

Mental Health and Community Health Services Chief Pharmacist’s National Conference – Save the date!

We would like to invite the mental health chief pharmacists or a representative from each Mental Health and Community Health Trust to an all-day event in May 2018 to bring you up to date with developments in this sector. To reserve a place please email Naveen Dosanjh at n.dosanjh@nhs.net. A full agenda and how to register for the event will be publicised in a separate email shortly.

Key Details – Further details to follow

Date: Wednesday 2nd May 2018
Location: Mary Ward House, 5 - 7 Tavistock Place, London, WC1H 9SN
Confirmed Speakers include:

- Ann Jacklin - Medicines & Pharmacy Professional Advisor, NHS Improvement
- Peter Pratt - Head of Mental Health and Learning Disabilities Medicines Strategy, NHS England
- Paul Hardy – LD and Mental Health Pharmacist, NHS England
- Wasim Baqir - National Pharmacy Lead (Care Homes), NHS England
- Andrew Davies - Professional Lead for Hospital Pharmacy, NHS Improvement
- Trevor Beswick (Pharmacy Dean for South) and Stephen Doherty (Clinical Fellow), Health Education England
- Matthew Shaw (Director) and Naveen Dosanjh (Clinical Fellow) – Centre for Postgraduate Pharmacy Education

Suggested action: We would recommend that yourself or a deputy register (details to follow soon) to attend these events to network, understand learning from colleagues and discuss future challenges. For queries please contact ann.jacklin@nhs.net or n.dosanjh@nhs.net.

HoPMOp Model Hospital dashboard– How to improve my data quality score?

The data quality score is based upon adherence to NHS England’s medicines ‘minimum data set’ (MDS), and to date this has focused upon a selection of the range of MDS fields. These scores are then given to NHS Improvement for inclusion in the Model Hospital. The Specialised Commissioning team in NHS England are currently refreshing the data quality score and this will in future incorporate all of the MDS fields, so will be of greater benefit.

NHS England already provides Trusts with feedback on data quality, but if Pharmacy leads are not sighted on this please get in touch with your regional business intelligence contacts (contact points available through your finance departments). They will be able to provide you with a breakdown of Trust compliance against each of the MDS data quality fields.

Suggested action: To use this breakdown to prompt discussions between local finance and pharmacy leads to aid development of data quality at a local level.
NHS Improvement Workforce 2018 conference – registration is now open
On Tuesday 8 May in central London, we are hosting an event for all NHS providers’ senior staff, including Chief Pharmacists, with a responsibility for their workforce to share challenges and build solutions on current workforce issues. With speakers planned from across all provider sectors, the conference will explore topics including leadership, retention and job planning.

*Suggested action: Spaces are limited so if you’d like to attend, please register your place:*

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For Information

FMD Safety Features
Version 9 of the European Commission Q&A on safety features for medicinal products for human use has been published on their website. This new version includes new questions that will help answer a wider range of queries:

Commercial Medicines Unit
An up to date list of members can now be found on the Kahootz HoPMOp workspace [here](#).

Chemotherapy Standard Product Specifications
NHS England has published the first set of product specifications to support the production and supply of ready-made chemotherapy medicines. This supports the chemotherapy dose standardisation programme and the utilisation of standard chemotherapy doses. The specifications will be utilised by procurement teams to ensure the NHS will purchase standard, ready made products across the NHS in England. For more information, please follow the link below.

NICE Key Therapeutic Topics
Key therapeutic topics produced by NICE summarise the evidence-base on topics identified to support medicines optimisation, but are not formal NICE guidance. Please see recent summaries using the links below:

- Biosimilar medicines: Key therapeutic topic [KTT15](https://www.nice.org.uk/advice/ktt15)
- Chemotherapy dose standardisation: Key therapeutic topic [KTT22](https://www.nice.org.uk/advice/ktt22)

Model Hospital - % Use of Summary Care Record (or Local System) per Month Metric
NHS Improvement has received an updated data set for the SCR from NHS Digital as the previous data set had some incorrect mappings to ODS codes and SCR data. As a result, we’ll be refreshing the current and historic SCR data set to reflect the most recent data set received. These updates will be released in the Model Hospital by the end of this month.