



Community Pharmacy Patient Safety Group meeting

Date	19 August 2020
Venue	Zoom Meeting
Chair	Janice Perkins

Pharmacy Quality Scheme

Part one the Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS) 2020/2021 focused on COVID-19. Details of part two of the scheme has just been finalised, early details are available on the PSNC website.

Sejal Parekh, from NHS England / Improvement joined the call to discuss the 2021/2022 scheme. Member of PSG provided feedback on the safety components of the Pharmacy Quality Scheme and considered future opportunities for the scheme Patient Safety Review (PSR)

Valproate: analysis of local prescribing

Following concerns that community pharmacy could do more to communicate/minimise the risks associated with sodium valproate, the group have undertaken some analysis of local prescribing. The group will now consider how to engage with local networks.

NHS Improvement consultation on involving patients in patient safety

The Patient Safety Strategy published last year, made a number of recommendations including around roles for employed patient safety specialists and patient safety partners.

NHS Improvement/England have already consulted on the patient safety specialist role and are now consulting on the introduction of patient safety partners (PSPs). The consultation will close on Sunday 18 October. The group will prepare a response.

Safeguarding share and learn

The group have published a Report, Share, Learn, Act, Review template on the patient safety website following a share and learn about safeguarding and transfer of medicines.

NHS Red Steroid Card

A [National Patient Safety Alert](#) has been issued regarding adrenal insufficiency and emergency steroid cards. The alert states that community and hospital pharmacies should ensure they can source and supply Steroid Emergency Cards, to replace those lost by patients or which become damaged and actions should be completed no later than 13 May 2021. The emergency steroid card won't be available until September.

MHRA Laxative Alerts

The MHRA have introduced pack size restrictions, revised recommended ages for use, and new safety warnings for over-the-counter stimulant laxatives (following a national safety review.) Smaller packs will continue to be available for general sale for the treatment of short-term, occasional constipation for use in adults only. Products available for general sale will be limited.

The NPA have made an SOP for OTC laxatives SOP as well as a red flag fact sheet. Hoping to get it out early September. The RPS have produced some materials.

Any other business

- MHRA alerts and Patient Information Leaflets: query about the feasibility of printing new PILs where MHRA have issued an alert but not recalled products for specific batches was raised. CPPSG will raise this with MHRA.
- Tall man lettering: CPPSG has been asked to consider the inclusion of tall man lettering within pharmacy PMR system and whether tall man lettering be added to the PMR Wishlist. Much of the evidence is currently inconclusive.
- Face coverings for staff: Attendees discussed the question of mandatory face coverings for staff (in light of COVID-19) and their organisation's position
- Safe use of consultation rooms: The group have been invited to be part of a webinar with the RPS building on the CPPSG briefing "safe use of consultation rooms during the pandemic".



- Private electronic prescriptions: An upsurge in private electronic prescriptions which have been received in invalid formats (e.g. email pdfs) was highlighted as an area of concern.
- Instalments Rx for Controlled Drugs: An issue about dating of instalments for CDs over Christmas was raised. The group will discuss this further at a future meeting.
- GPhC Inspections: GPhC inspections have restarted following the Covid-19 pandemic.

Attendees

Alison Crompton	PCT Healthcare	Margaret Meehan	Boots
Chris Kenny	Lincolnshire Coop	Martin Sadr-Kazemi	Rowlands
Elaine Aldham	Paydens	Mary Gough	CCA
Elaine Hand-Griffiths	Well	Nicola Goodberry	Weldricks
Emily James	PSG /CCA	Peter Glover	Day Lewis
Jacque Lee	Numark	Phil Day	P2U
Jackie Giltrow	Paydens	Rachna Chhatralia	Day Lewis
Jasmine Shah	NPA	Trevor Povey	Asda
Janice Perkins	Well	Victoria Steele	Lloyds