



## Community Pharmacy Patient Safety Group meeting

<b>Date</b>	01 July 2020
<b>Venue</b>	Zoom Meeting
<b>Chair</b>	Janice Perkins

### West Yorkshire Patient Safety Meeting

An update from the West Yorkshire Patient Safety meeting was provided. Following a discussion about safeguarding it was agreed that CPPSG would develop a safeguarding paper; to include issues about care homes and safe spaces.

### Brian MacKenna, Open Prescribing

Brian MacKenna attended the meeting to introduce the Open Prescribing platform. Brian walked the Group through the site's dashboards and prescribing measures. These are available for every general practice, PCN, and CCG. OpenPrescribing.net also produces academic outputs and Brian noted a recent paper on trends and [variation in unsafe methotrexate prescribing](#). Brian also pointed to a [YouTube video](#), accessible via the home page of Open Prescribing to support CPPSG members to share information about Open Prescribing with colleagues.

### Safe use of consultation rooms

The group agreed changes to a resource on safe use of consultation rooms, in the context of COVID-19. The paper is now available on the CPPSG website.

### Deliveries guidance

The group agreed changes to a resource on deliveries, in the context of COVID-19. The paper is now available on the CPPSG website.

### Digital/Safety policy asks

The group discussed digital and patient safety asks for NHS Digital.

### Valproate stakeholder group

An update from the Valproate Stakeholder Group was provided. CPPSG discussed; the importance of ensuring every woman is given appropriate advice; the need for the whole pharmacy team to be aware of the risks and why valproate is being dispensed in white boxes.

Members also discussed the value of producing an easy read leaflet and will raise this with the MHRA stakeholder group.

### Red steroid card

A Patient Safety Alert will be published in July. As part of this a new red steroid card designed specifically to support recognition and early treatment of patients in adrenal crisis will be launched.

### OTC Laxatives

MHRA have conducted a review into the safety of OTC laxatives following concerns over the potential for abuse. Licensing changes will be introduced later this year. This will limit pack sizes. Members should be aware of communicating changes with colleagues, particularly where larger pack sizes are still in circulation.

### Controlled Drugs

The group discussed CPPSG's workstreams relating to Controlled Drugs. It was agreed that a number of issues would be raised at the CDAO and MHRA meetings.

### COVID -19



- Antibody tests: The group discussed COVID-19 antibody tests, which have been removed from the market. Issues concerning the impact of antibodies on behaviour, and clarity over immunity were raised.
- Risk assessments case studies: HHE are currently collating case studies regarding actions which can be taken following risk assessments.
- Risk Assessment for at risk groups: The group discussed requirements, highlighted in a letter sent on 24<sup>th</sup> June to community pharmacies, with regards to risk assessment for at-risk staff groups.

### Attendees

Alison Crompton	PCT Healthcare	José Moss	Boots
Binal Shah	Tesco	Margaret Meehan	Boots
Caroline Parkhurst	Day Lewis	Mark Donaghy	Kamsons
Chris Kenny	Lincolnshire coop	Mary Gough	CCA
Claude Pereira	AIM	Nicola Goodberry	Weldricks
Elaine Aldham	Dudley Taylor	Peter Fulford	Morrisons
Elaine Hand-Griffiths	Well	Pete Horrocks	Knights Pharmacy
Emily James	CPPSG /CCA	Phil Day	P2U
Jackie Giltrow	Paydens	Ruby Munglah	Superdrug
Jacque Lee	Numark	Trevor Povey	Asda
Janice Perkins	Well	Victoria Steele	Lloyds
Jasmine Shah	NPA		