



Community Pharmacy Patient Safety Group meeting

Date	16 December 2020
Venue	Zoom Meeting
Chair	Janice Perkins
Time	2.00pm – 4.30pm

Community Pharmacy Patient Safety Group priorities 2021

The Community Pharmacy Patient Safety Group discussed their priorities for 2021. The priorities will be publicly launched in January 2021, via the pharmacy safety website and disseminated to stakeholders.

Community Pharmacy Patient Safety Group review 2020

The Community Pharmacy Patient Safety Group have produced a review of 2020. The review will be disseminated in January 2021.

Sodium Valproate

CPPSG have undertaken analysis of local prescribing of sodium valproate. As well as considering valproate to treat epilepsy, the group identified a need to explore understanding of the risks among patients taking valproic acid to treat bipolar disorder. CPPSG will use data to engage with secondary care MSOs and mental health trusts.

MHRA Isotretinoin consultation

The group discussed the [MHRA consultation](#) on links between isotretinoin and psychiatric and sexual disorders. CPPSG will respond to the consultation.

The following points were noted:

- The value/benefits of isotretinoin in treating acne.
- The links between acne and poor mental health.
- Concerns that patients prescribed isotretinoin are not being supported/followed up or being made fully aware of risks.
- This is likely exacerbated by the ease of access online and the fact that treatment of acne is not an NHS priority area. This can lead to long waiting times and result in patients seeking isotretinoin privately. This may result in isotretinoin being the first medication used to treat acne.
- Furthermore, medicines sought from dermatologists and from some online providers will not show up on the GP record. This means GPs cannot follow up with patients which is a particular concern for patients with underlying mental health conditions and prevents a holistic approach to care.
- This is concern that whilst prescribers and dispensers are aware of risks associated with pregnancy ([prescriber](#) and [dispenser checklists](#) exist that are concerned with pregnancy prevention), the risks associated with poor mental health and suicide are not well known.

Controlled Drugs

The group discussed issues pertaining to controlled drugs, including:

- Accepting deliveries of CDs whilst RP is in consultation room.
- Handout errors and their link to Covid requirements (e.g. masks, screens etc).
- The communication of Regulation 28 notices.
- Consistency of CD incident reporting requirements. This will be taken forward by the CDAOs.

CPPSG conference

The group discussed a patient safety group conference which will take place in early March 2021. More details will follow.

Private prescriptions and signature requirements

The CPSSG has published a paper on private electronic prescriptions and signature requirements. [It is available here.](#)



CPPSG incident data

Findings from a review of annual incidents were discussed. The group also discussed additional parameters for future data collections.

Any other business

- Tony Jamieson, Clinical Lead for Medicines Safety Improvement at NHS England and NHS Improvement will attend January meeting.
- Himal Makwana, DMRC manager has been invited to attend future meeting.
- CPPSG have been contacted by APTUK following an article in the Pharmacy Technicians Journal requesting a PSG speaker. We have accepted the invitation and are awaiting more information about dates.

Attendees

Alison Crompton	PCT Healthcare	Margaret Meehan	Boots
Binal Shah	Tesco	Martin Sadr-Kazemi	Rowlands
Caroline Parkhurst	Day Lewis	Mary Gough	CCA
Chris Kenny	Lincolnshire Co-op	Nicola Goodberry	Weldricks
Elaine Aldham	Dudley Taylor	Nimisha Mistry	NPA
Elaine Hand-Griffiths	Well	Peter Fulford	Morrisons
Emily James	CPPSG /CCA	Pete Horrocks	Knights Pharmacy
Jackie Giltrow	Paydens	Phil Day	P2U
Jacque Lee	Numark	Rachna Chhatralia	Day Lewis
Jasmine Shah	NPA	Sarah Simpson	Cohens
Janice Perkins	Well	Trevor Povey	Asda
José Moss	Boots	Victoria Steele	LloydsPharmacy