

## **Reducing Medication Waste - Nottinghamshire CCGs 2015 - 16**

### **NHS Newark & Sherwood CCG**

- Practices have option to look at their repeat prescribing policies as the area of the 15-16 Engagement Scheme
- Support to practices to review quantities on prescriptions, checking dressing order forms for large quantities, quantities of insulin etc, etc
- Investment in the CCG Medicine Management team to provide increased pharmacist support to GP practices including medication reviews.
- Consideration of a Community Pharmacy 'Not Dispensed' scheme in collaboration with local community pharmacies and the Area Team.
- Talk of another waste reduction initiative with practices later in the year
- Previous collaboration with the Stakeholder reference group around getting messages out to patients about only ordering what you need etc

### **NHS Nottingham West CCG**

- In NW CCG we have employed a pharmacy technician where one of her roles, amongst others is to look at repeat prescribing issues to reduce waste.
- This is a one year project working with the practices, based on the work that Walsall CCG did / have done / are doing;

<https://www.nice.org.uk/savingsAndProductivityAndLocalPracticeResource?ci=http%3a%2f%2farmevidence.nhs.uk%2fresources%2fQIPP%2f1040169%3fniceorg%3dtrue>

### **NHS Mansfield & Ashfield CCG**

- GP practices are encouraged to prescribe 28 days' worth of medication and undertake reviews of medicines placed on repeat i.e medicines that have been discontinued are removed from the patient's list of medicines on repeat to prevent the medication being ordered in error.
- CCG Medicine Management team is focussing on medication reviews especially in care homes, identifying whether appropriate medication policies are implemented in care homes, making suggestions where necessary to reduce waste.
- Intention to review repeat prescribing systems in GP practices later in the year to ensure efficient /safe systems and processes are in place e.g. is each medicine prescribed for the same duration.

### **NHS Nottingham North & East**

- We have employed a pharmacy technician who is supporting the practices in various projects, which will hopefully reduce waste. She has also been working with the primary care pharmacists to look at the repeat prescribing – and particularly requests for repeat prescriptions being generated through community pharmacists – to try and address issues of over ordering which lead to waste.

### **NHS Rushcliffe CCG**

- Similar to Nottingham West CCG we have a technician who will be helping practices with their repeat prescribing processes.
- We have recently recruited a pharmacist to undertake medication reviews of patients in care homes and advise the homes on issues around over ordering and avoiding waste.

### **NHS Nottingham City CCG**

- Have had a Not Dispensed Scheme running in Nottingham City through all the 65 community pharmacies since 2008 which saves approximately £30k annually on medicines.
- Are currently looking at repeat dispensing on EPS to ensure this is rolled out across the City. Increases in patients using repeat dispensing should correlate with less waste through ensuring that community pharmacists check with patients which medicines they need each time a repeat instalment is dispensed.
- Actively promote the New Medicines Service and Medicines Use Reviews available in community pharmacies.
- Working with colleagues at NUH to improve information shared on discharge regarding medicines.
- Working with colleagues across the interface – primary, secondary and community care – to promote the message that patient's should bring their medicines with them into hospital and that the medicines should be kept with the patient throughout their time in the hospital.
- Annual medication review audits take place within the care homes to ensure systems are in place.
- Work is being undertaken to look at medicines stock within care homes and develop procedures to prevent stockpiling of medicines.