

# Welcome to the first SPSP Medicines National Learning Event

Today, we hope you will take the opportunity to learn and share your work with other NHS boards and build new networks to look at medicines from a whole system approach. Before the day begins, we thought you might like to know a bit more about SPSP Medicines and the team.

## Our aim

SPSP Medicines aims to bring together improvement activity relating to medicines from acute care, primary care, maternity and children's services and mental health. The initial focus of the programme includes two priority areas:

- **Reducing medicines harm across transitions (medication reconciliation), and**
- **High risk medicines.**

The programme is supported by a national clinical reference group called the Medicines Clinical Advisory Group, known as MCAG. MCAG's representation is from medical, nursing and pharmacy as well as the Scottish Ambulance Service and reflects the whole system approach of SPSP Medicines.

## Our team

Our SPSP Medicines Team is part of Healthcare Improvement Scotland and consists of:

- **David Maxwell**, Improvement Advisor
- **Janet Heritage**, Project Officer
- **Kat Wilkinson**, Admin Officer

The team includes our national clinical leads:

- **Alister Maclaren** (Pharmacy)
- **Linda Patterson** (Nursing)
- **Arvind Veiraiah** (Medical)

They are fully supporting our event throughout the day. More information is available in your delegate pack.

We are also grateful for the additional help today from our colleagues in the Scottish Patient Safety Programme.

[www.scottishpatientsafetyprogramme.scot.nhs.uk/programmes/medicines](http://www.scottishpatientsafetyprogramme.scot.nhs.uk/programmes/medicines)

We look forward to your tweets throughout the day

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