

SPSP Medicines contributes to the delivery of safer care across Scotland by reducing harm from medicines

SPSP Medicines programme continues to focus on the following main priorities:

- ❖ Transitions,
- ❖ Omissions, and
- ❖ High risk medicines.



Reducing harm across transitions

A significant strand of our work this year is to review the CMO letter of 13 September 2013 (SGHD/CMO(2013)18) on Safer use of Medicines: Medicines Reconciliation. We are working hard with our Medicines Clinical Advisory Group to refresh medicines reconciliation as part of review but we cannot do this on our own. We are truly grateful for the feedback and views shared by NHS boards in those WebEx in our Series dealing with reducing harm across transitions.

What processes does your NHS board have in place for medicines reconciliation?

We would love to know about them!

Omitted medicines

A draft omitted medicines [driver diagram](#) joins the How To Guide for omitted medicines on our webpages. This is a live document and we welcome your comments.

Collaboration with Excellence in Care is well underway with the testing of the omitted medicines measure and improvement toolkit in the paper environment, working with NHS Orkney, NHS Western Isles and NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde.

The team are working with three NHS boards using HEPMA exploring potential operational definitions for omitted medicines in the electronic environment.



High risk medicines

Our high risk medicines discussion framework is published on our webpages and is available to use. Click [here](#) to view. Stakeholders for Maternity Services are currently using our discussion framework to identify examples of potential interventions to improve the prevention, recognition and responses to harm from high risk medicines.

Would you like to use the framework to consider other HRMs? We would love to hear from you.



Review of our WebEx series so far...

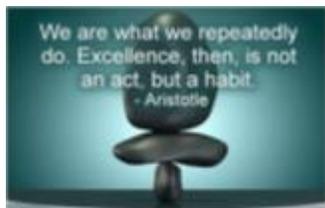
Our new series is off to a great start sharing and learning together.

June 2017: We considered the terminology around medicines reconciliation - 'A rose by any other name'. **We had a great response but it is not too late to give us your views.** Recording [here](#).



July 2017: 'Human steps on the giant's causeway of medicines reconciliation', presented by colleagues in Northern Ireland was a great success. Recording [here](#).

August 2017: NHS GG&C captured attention by focussing on human factors in medication admin errors and the testing of patients verifying medicines reconciliation on admission to hospital. Recording [here](#).



We also publish on our webpage a [Key Learning Summary](#) revised after each WebEx.

SPSP Medicines Monthly WebEx Series

This series focusses on-

- Transitions,
- Omissions, and
- High risk medicines.

Our next WebEx is –

- ✓ **21 September, 3-4pm, discussing**
- ✓ **High risk meds in primary care dentistry &**
- ✓ **Gentamicin in paediatrics & neonates**

More info [here](#).

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A national focus on medicines:

Healthcare Improvement Scotland supports the safer use of medicines through a number of initiatives in addition to SPSP including the:

- ADTC collaborative: Lead Contact: Sharon Pfleger ([click here](#) for more information).
- Safer Use of Medicines Network. For more information contact the Network via [email](#).
- Adverse Events Community of Practice. Lead Contact: Anna Wimberley ([click here](#) for more information).
- Scottish Reduction in Antimicrobial Prescribing (ScRAP) educational toolkit supports reduction in unnecessary antibiotic prescribing. Click [here](#) to access.

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