

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

**Look for SPSP Medicines at the following EVENTS:**

**NHS Lothian Medication Matters workshop 13 October, St John's Hospital Pharmacy in Primary Care Celebratory & Networking Event Thursday 6 October, Stirling**

**ACAP Scotland 7th National Conference, Friday 4 November, Glasgow**



### Reducing medicines harm across transitions

Thank you to all who participated in the evaluation of the WebEx series so far. The feedback received has:

- confirmed the value of sharing both the successes and challenges between health boards, and
- identified an opportunity to improve the use of data and a focus on specific tests of change to drive improvement.

We have also taken on board the suggestions to improve opportunities for participants to contribute to the Q&A session during the WebEx.

### WebExs series feature NHS Island Boards on 20 October, 3-4pm and NHS Highland on 17 November, 3-4pm. More information is available [here](#).

### SPSP National Conference, 29 November 2016, EICC Edinburgh

Did you know that every year in Scotland up to 61,000 hospital admissions are due to harm from medicines? And up to 15,000 patients suffer adverse events due to medicines while in hospital? Health may also deteriorate due to non-administration of essential medicines. Reducing these types of harm requires improved processes for high risk medicines and missed medicines.

Join us in the afternoon medicines breakout session where you will hear from local and UK colleagues sharing their work on improving medicines-related deterioration. Registration is now open. Click [here](#) for more information.

### High Risk Medicines

There are certain medicines that bear a heightened risk of causing harm (deterioration) when they are used in error. The risk of harm is influenced by factors such as the care setting, patient characteristics and staff awareness. We want to learn more about high risk medicines that matter to you. Please [email](#) the SPSP Medicines team with your ideas and priorities:

- What improvement activities are you involved in to reduce harm from high risk medicines?
- What medicines would you like to focus on in the future?

### Royal College of Nursing Congress

Our national nursing clinical lead Linda Patterson represented the SPSP Medicines team at the Royal College of Nursing Congress held in June at the SECC in Glasgow. This was an excellent opportunity to network with nursing colleagues from across the country and promote the importance of the nursing contribution to the medicines safety agenda.

### Midpark Hospital Visit (NHS D&G)

Members of the SPSP medicines and mental health teams spent a morning in early August with colleagues at Midpark Hospital in Dumfries - to learn and share local improvement initiatives related to medicines.



The session highlighted the great work already happening related to 'as required' medicines and the opportunities to spread to other areas. We also discussed data for improvement, where we considered sampling, run charts, annotations and opportunities to share data with others as part of a spread strategy. Lots of ideas generated on the day to keep improving!



Linda Patterson

### Meet a member of our team: Linda Patterson

#### SPSP Medicines National Clinical Lead (Nursing)

Initially starting off my career in NHS Ayrshire and Arran in critical care in 1997, I was given the opportunity to develop 2 national roles in relation to Implementation of a Sepsis Guideline and in a Nurse Practitioner role with the Better Blood Transfusion Programme. Returning to NHS Ayrshire and Arran in 2006 I was given the opportunity to further develop my skills and experience in an Advanced Nurse Practitioner role incorporating independent nurse prescribing. I have passion about promoting nursing roles in relation to improving medicines across transitions in healthcare and promoting a Whole System Approach to medicines management.

## What we can do for you?

Is there anything else you would like to see on our web pages?

Let us know.

### 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:

- Area Drugs and Therapeutic Committees Collaborative (ADTCC). Lead Contact: Sharon Pflieger ([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: Jenny Long ([click here](#) for more information).

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