

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.



Omitted Medicines

The collaboration with Excellence in Care (EiC) is continuing. EiC leads and their teams in NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde, NHS Orkney and NHS Western Isles have delivered excellent local improvement work which has informed the development of proposed measures for inclusion in the EiC framework.

SPSP Medicines were delighted to have the opportunity during August to visit NHS Western Isles and NHS Orkney and host a WebEx with NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde. The visits provided an opportunity to reflect on the improvement stories with each board. Next steps will include a presentation of the work to the EiC hub in November and the publication of a report summarising this work and providing resources for local use. This work will also be presented at the SPSP Medicines Monthly WebEx on 18 October.



NHS Western Isles team



NHS Orkney team

WebEx Series

We are delighted to have confirmed a full programme for our 2018/19 WebEx Series, bringing you a wide range of presenters sharing their work on medicine safety across our priority areas. To view the schedule, [click here](#) to visit our WebEx series page. The next WebEx is on 20 September from 3pm to 4pm when our team will be discussing high risk medicines and in particular work on bleeds associated with medicines use.

Transitions, Omissions and High Risk Medicine
WebEx Series 2018-2019

Bleeds associated with medicines use
SPSP Medicines team

Thursday 20 September 2018
3pm-4pm

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As part of Healthcare Improvement Scotland's work, SPSP provides support for the provision of safe, high-quality care wherever the patient.

Remember if you can't make any of the WebEx events live, you can catch up via the recording and the presentation links on our website!

Reducing harm across transitions

Both extra time and costs are associated with prescribing errors, particularly at the point of transitions. Three boards are currently testing ways of capturing the time spent and associated costs in correcting these types of errors, to support the overall aim of increasing engagement in the safer use of medicines agenda.

High Risk Medicines

We are pleased to be collaborating with dentistry colleagues in NHS Fife to identify opportunities for application and development of our High Risk Medicines discussion framework in this setting.

To view the framework and local improvement resources visit our [website](#).

Other News

SPSP Medicines hosted visitors from Demark in June, providing an overview of our work and developing international relationships across areas of shared interest.

David Maxwell attended the IHI Summer Camp in June, highlighting the work of the SPSP Medicines programme.

SPSP Medicines Monthly WebEx Series

This series focusses on:

- Transitions,
- Omissions, and
- High risk medicines

Our next WebEx is –

- ✓ 20th September 2018
- ✓ SPSP Medicines Team
- ✓ Bleeds associated with medicines use

More info [here](#)

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

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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: Nanisa Fielden (click [here](#) for more information).
- Scottish Reduction in Antimicrobial Prescribing (ScRAP) educational toolkit supports reduction in unnecessary antibiotic prescribing. Click [here](#) to access.

The Royal Pharmaceutical Society have launched their "[Good care starts with a conversation](#)" campaign. They reference the "Not sure? Just ask" patient prompt cards available on our [website](#). Further materials to support the campaign are also being developed.