

Supply, Prescription & Administration of Medicines by AHPs and other Health Professionals

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Realising the Potential

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Forward View



- Published in **October 2014**
- A shared vision across seven national bodies
- New care models programme key to delivery
- Focuses on both NHS and care services



Sustainability & Transformation Plans



NHS Delivery Plan

- Four national service improvement priorities for 2017/18 and 2018/19
 - urgent and emergency care
 - primary care
 - cancer and
 - mental health.
- Acknowledgement that the need to deliver financial balance will require some trade-offs, including more pressure on waiting times for elective care.
- STPs are now referred to as 'sustainability and transformation partnerships', with the best given the opportunity to evolve into accountable care systems (ACSs).
- A ten-point efficiency plan lays out the steps trusts and CCGs must take to cut waste and improve efficiency.
- NHS England and NHS Improvement commit to joint working at both a national and regional level, while still retaining their distinct statutory responsibilities.



Next steps for the NHS..

- Free up hospital beds
- Treat patients in the right place
- Seven day services
- Accountable Care Organisations
- New Care Models
- Speed up and improve diagnostic services esp cancer
- Increase access to talking therapies for people with mental health problems
- Provide 'joined up' care at home / care homes to prevent hospital admission

NHS England (March 2017) The Next Steps on the Five Year Forward View



Allied Health Professions into Action

Using Allied Health Professionals to
transform health, care and wellbeing.

2016/17 - 2020/21

#AHPsintoAction



Trailblazers: since 1980...

	Exemptions	PGDs	Supplementary Prescribing	Independent Prescribing
Nurses	✓	✓	✓	✓
Midwives	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pharmacists	✓	✓	✓	✓
Optometrists	✓	✓	✓	✓
Orthoptists	✓	✓		
Paramedics	✓	✓		
Podiatrists	✓	✓	✓	✓
Physiotherapists		✓	✓	✓
Therapeutic Radiographers		✓	✓	✓
Diagnostic Radiographers		✓	✓	
Dietitians		✓	✓	

In addition...

Use of PGDs by:

- Occupational therapists
- Prosthetists & orthotists
- Speech and language therapists

..and all can administer a medicine from a prescription or patient specific direction

Number of registered AHP prescribers

(Feb 2017)

	Number on register	Supplementary prescribers	Independent prescribers
Physiotherapists	52 631	612	471
Podiatrists	12 921	297	219
Therapeutic radiographers	Approx. 6066	57	2
Diagnostic radiographers	Approx. 25900 (2015)	6	N/A
Dietitians	9 069	-	N/A

Providing that...

- Practice is safe for both patient and practitioner
- Practitioner is.....
 - Authorised by organisation
 - Successfully completed prescribing education programme
- And practitioner has.....
 - Professional register annotation as appropriate
 - Access to appropriately labelled medicine or prescribing budget
- And service and role requires this
- Etc, etc

2014-2017: AHP Medicines Project

	Exemptions	Supplementary Prescribing	Independent Prescribing
Orthoptists	✓		
Dietitians		✓	
Therapeutic Radiographers		●	✓
Diagnostic Radiographers		●	*
Paramedics	●	*	

- * Current work with Commission on Human Medicines
- Already in place prior to this project

Process

Preliminary work to identify case of need

- Scoping project
- Business cases
- Non-Medical Prescribing Board

Development of statutory public consultation

- Programme Board

12 week public consultation

- Engagement Events

CHM – consideration & recommendations

Changes to legislation

Approval of training programmes

Prescribing of Controlled Drugs

- Supplementary prescribing- any CD sch 2-5
- Independent prescribing:
 - Physiotherapist IP
 - List
 - Podiatrist IP
 - List
 - Therapeutic radiographer IP
 - Proposed list

Within scope of role, competence, audit and governance



2017 - 2019

**Chief Professions Officers'
Medicines Mechanisms
Programme**

PGD Project

Use of Patient Group
Directions to administer or
supply medicines by

- Biomedical Scientists
- Clinical Scientists
- Operating Department
Practitioners

Scoping Project and Review of exemptions/CDs lists

- Review of CD lists prescribable
by physiotherapists and
podiatrists
- Review of the exemptions
medicines list used by
paramedics
- Scoping project to determine
the need for use of
medicines mechanisms by

Exemptions Project

Use of Exemptions to
administer or supply
medicines by

- Dental Therapists
- Dental Hygienists

AHP Medicines Project

Independent prescribing of medicines by

- Paramedics
- Diagnostic radiographers

**CPOMM
Programme**

PGD Project

Biomedical and clinical scientists:

- Supports increased access and capacity of diagnostic and treatment monitoring services for biomedical and clinical scientists
- Supports service developments at national and local level including transition of services into community, keeping service users at home and appropriately empowered to self-manage conditions

Operating department practitioners:

- Enables more timely access of medicines to patients under their care
- Provides parity of care and more effective utilisation of available skill-set as nursing colleagues working in comparable roles work under this mechanism

Exemptions Project

Dental hygienists and therapists

- Increases dental care capacity.
- Locally-led services aligned with initiatives in oral health and community-based care could be developed
- shift emphasis to prevention of dental disease and reduce oral disease-related complications
- Enables medicines to be supplied/administered when PGDs can't be used

Scoping Project and Review of Exemptions/CDs lists

- Pharmacy Technicians – Recommendation from Murray Review
- Paramedics – Review of Exemptions List
- Physiotherapists – Review of CDs List
- Podiatrists – Exemptions of CDs List

AHP Medicines Project

- Completion of work - CHM consideration of:
 - Independent prescribing by paramedics
 - Independent prescribing by diagnostic radiographers

CPO Medicines Mechanisms - Work programme

Submissions

Reports

Project
Governance

Public Consultations

Practice
Guidance

Outline
Curricular
Frameworks

Regulation

Stakeholders

Commission
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Thank you

