

Protocol

Clinical Medication Reviews

Service provision

A pharmacist trained to do medicines optimisation review will undertake a clinical review of the medication of patients identified by the surgery.

The review will involve

- Review of the patient’s records at the surgery
- Discussion with the patient (and/or care home staff) about the medication to establish that the medication is being taken as prescribed and identify any issues about the medication from the patient or care home records.
- Preparation of recommendations detailing potential changes of medication/actions to be reviewed by the relevant GP.

Carrying out the reviews

To carry out medication reviews the pharmacist will require permission by the surgery to access patient records including any documents attached to the file such as consultants’ letters and hospital discharge information. In addition Information Governance and Data protection Guidance should be followed throughout the process. Access to the records will only be made for the purpose of the review.

The pharmacist will seek to obtain appropriate patient consent or establish a best interest’s decision in line with the Mental Capacity Act 2005 for patient’s without capacity.

A copy of the relevant information from the patient’s notes will need to be accessed by the pharmacist in order to visit the patient/care staff and to document information obtained at the visit. This will be kept secure at all times.

All recommendations will be communicated to the relevant GP and an agreed list of recommendations and plan of actions will then be communicated to the patient and or carer/s.

Further actions by the pharmacist

If required by the surgery the pharmacist could also

- Discuss any changes agreed by the GP with the resident and/or care home before final changes are made.
- Make agreed changes to the patient’s record including amending prescription details and adding information to the medical record.
- Record the review date on the surgery computer with a Read code “pharmacist clinical medication review”.

Surgery responsibilities

Ensure appropriate access to the relevant patients’ records.

Respond in a timely manner to suggestions made by the pharmacist to agreed recommendations and as necessary discuss with the patient/care home staff before any changes are implemented.

Surgery consent

I agree that the patients’ records can be accessed in accordance with this protocol and will make provision for appropriate access rights and that this is in accordance with Data Protection and Information Governance rules.	Yes/No

I agree that the pharmacist can make a copy of and retain necessary patient information for the duration of the review in accordance with this protocol. Once the review has been completed and has been scanned onto the patients' medical record all paper copies will be shredded.	Yes/No
I agree that a relevant GP/Nurse Prescriber will review any suggestions made	Yes/No
Signed on behalf of the practice	Print name
Position:	
Date:	
Pharmacist signature:	Print name
Position:	
Date:	