

Consultation on draft guidance for pharmacist prescribers



2019

Context

**Increasing
numbers of
pharmacist
prescribers**

**Pharmacist
prescribers
working in new
roles and
settings**

**Government
strategies
that recognise
value of
pharmacist
prescribers**

How the draft guidance was developed



- Research carried out over the past three years
- Information received through a prescribers' survey (2016)
- Information from fitness to practice cases
- Previous discussion papers, including on making sure patients and the public obtain medicines and other pharmacy services safely online (2018)
- Consultation on education and training standards for pharmacist prescribers (2018)

Key areas covered in guidance



1. taking responsibility for prescribing safely
 2. keeping up to date and prescribing within your level of competence
 3. working in partnership with other healthcare professionals and people seeking care
 4. prescribing in certain circumstances
 5. prescribing non-surgical cosmetic medicinal products
 6. remote prescribing
 7. safeguards for the remote prescribing of certain categories of medicines
 8. raising concerns
- Plus information for pharmacy owners and employers of pharmacist prescribers



Prescribing safely




- Draft guidance sets out what pharmacists prescribers should do to make sure they are prescribing safely
- The GPhC is seeking views on circumstances where a pharmacist prescriber has to decide if they can prescribe safely- for example, without access to a person's medical records

Prescribing and supplying



- Draft guidance proposes initial prescribing should usually be kept separate from supply of medicines prescribed
- But describes certain circumstances where it may be necessary, such as when a person needs the medicines urgently
- The GPhC is seeking views on whether there are other circumstances when pharmacist prescribers should be able to prescribe and supply

Safeguards for remote prescribing of certain categories of medicines



- Draft guidance outlines certain categories of medicines which are not suitable to be prescribed remotely unless further safeguards have been put in place
- Safeguards include checking identity and seeking consent to contact regular prescriber
- The GPhC is seeking views on any additional safeguards

Take part in the consultation:

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