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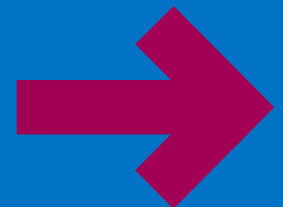
A strategic perspective: future potential for service improvement

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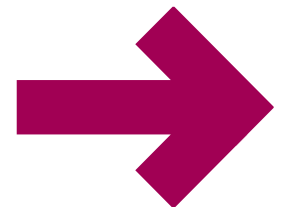


Supply and administration of medicines

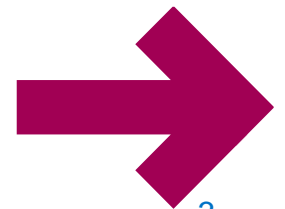
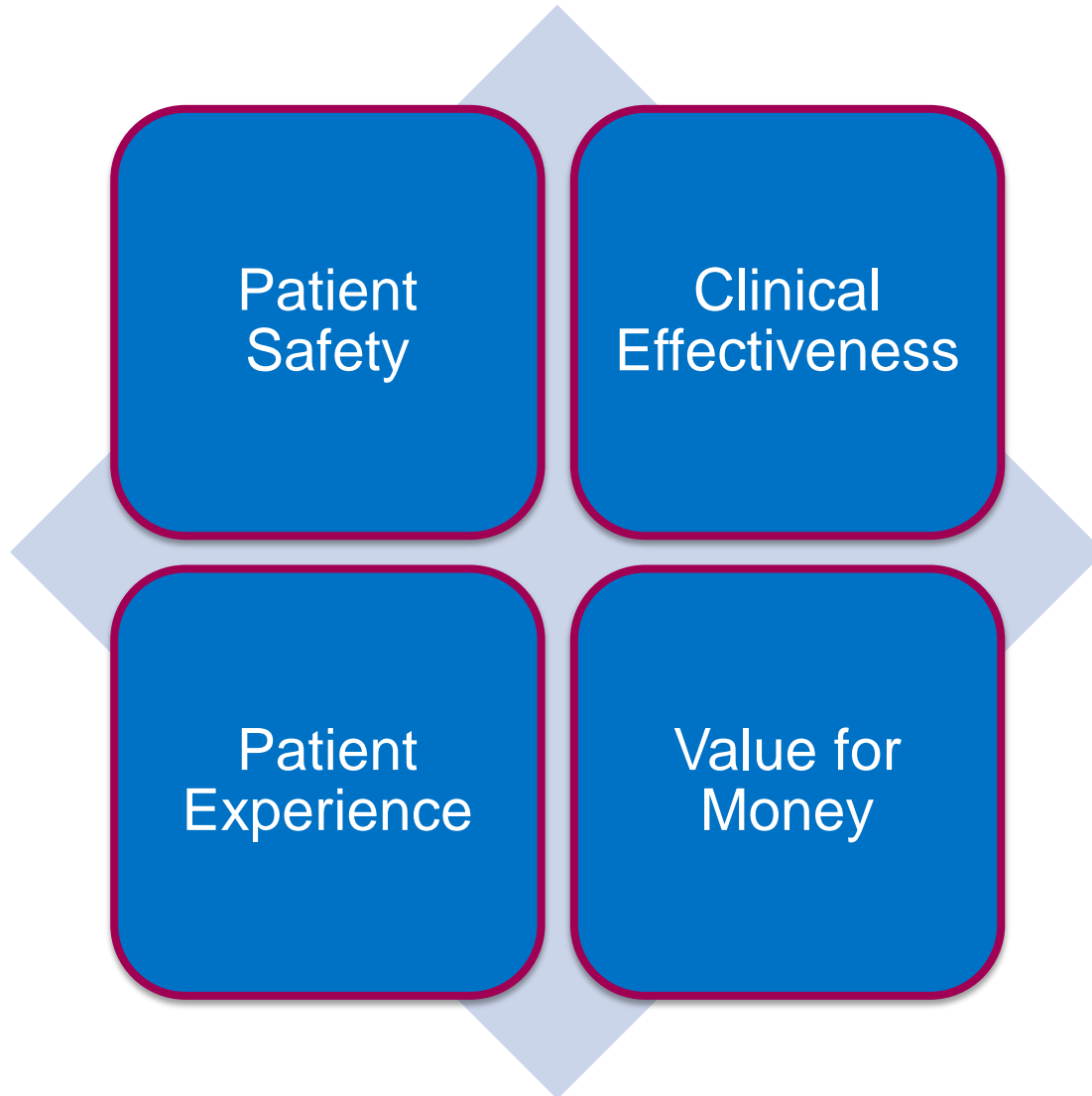
- Patient Specific Directions (PSD's)
- Patient Group Directions (PGD's)
- Exemptions (from the Human Medicines Regulations 2012)

Prescribing of medicines

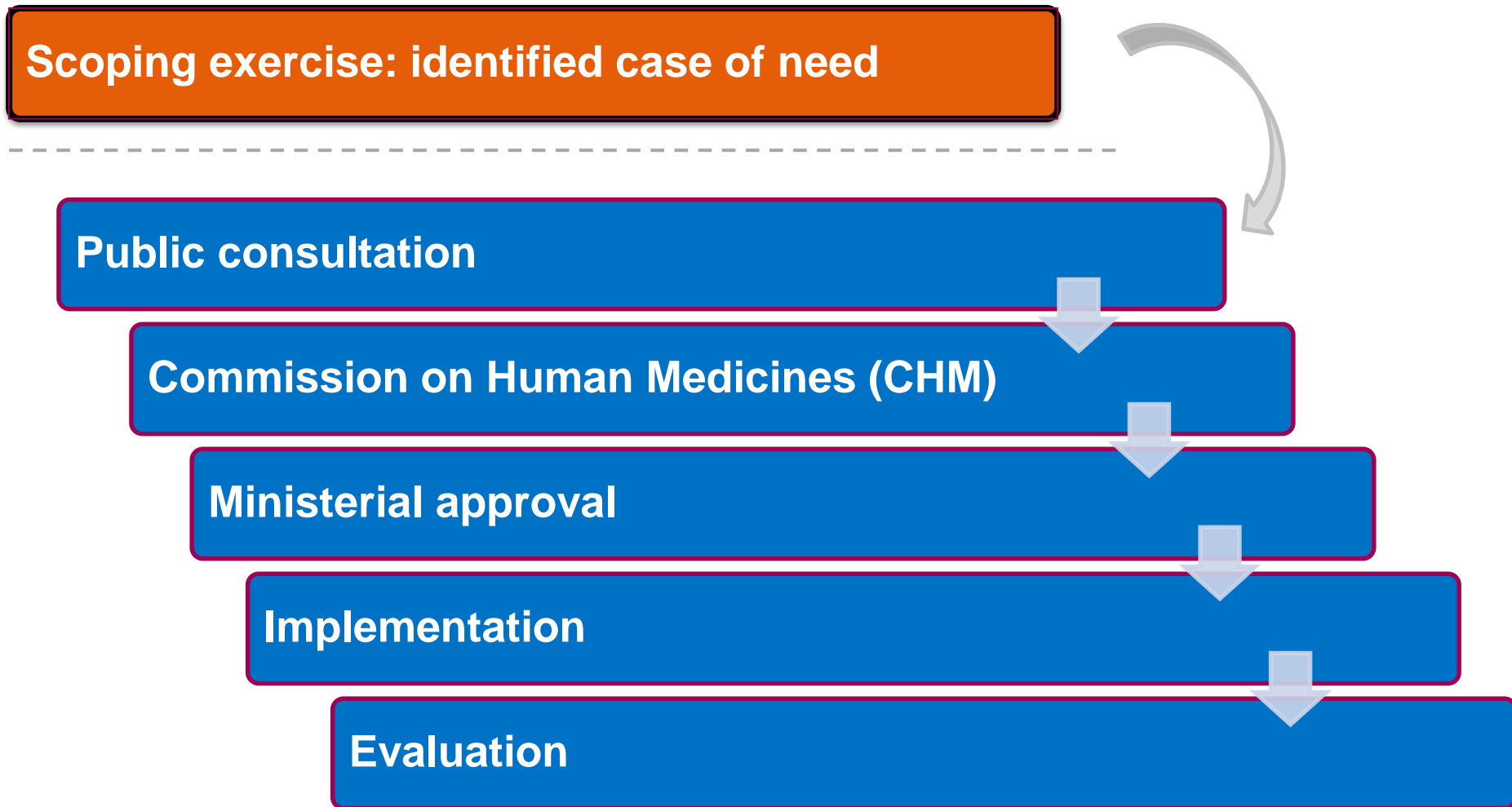
- Supplementary prescribing
- Independent prescribing



Benefits



Process

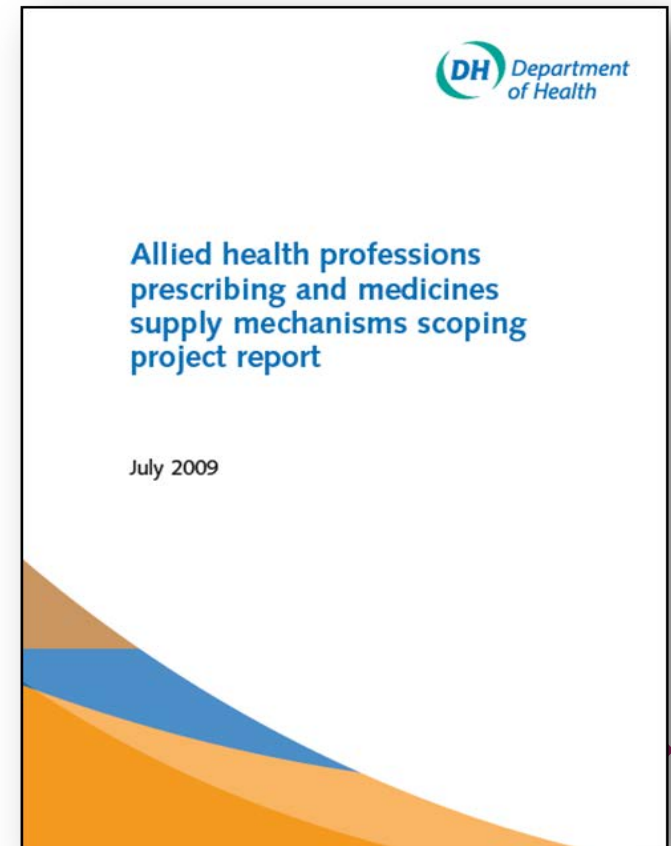


The AHP Medicines Project

- In 2009 the Department of Health commissioned the Allied Health Professions Prescribing & Medicines Supply Mechanisms Scoping Project Report

Phase 1

- Independent prescribing for physiotherapists and podiatrists
- The amendments to legislation were laid in the summer of 2013



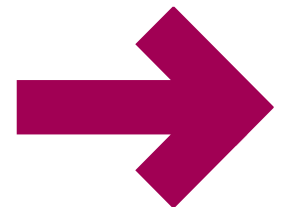
AHP Medicines Project – Phase 2

Proposals being taken forward across the United Kingdom

- Use of exemptions by orthoptists
- Supplementary prescribing by advanced dietitians
- Independent prescribing by advanced radiographers
- Independent prescribing by advanced paramedics

Work to date

- In February NHS England published four separate consultations on the above proposals
- The response to the consultations were presented to the Commission on Human Medicines in October 2015



NHS England Scoping Exercise

Professions included:

Dental

Dental therapists
Dental nurses
Dental hygienists

Scientific

Biomedical Scientists
Clinical Scientists

Life Sciences

Physiological Sciences

Physical Sciences & Biomedical Sciences

AHPs

Arts therapists
Dramatherapists
Music therapists
Dietitians
Occupational therapists
Orthoptists
Physiotherapists
Prosthetists and Orthotists
Speech & language therapists

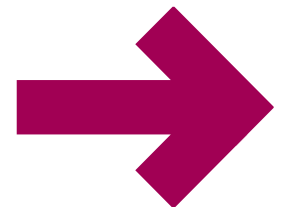
Plus

Chiropractors
Operating department practitioners
Osteopaths
Practitioner Psychologists

The Future:

Considerations and Challenges

- Lack of knowledge and understanding of the roles of AHPs
- Managing expectations
- Professional protectionism
- Regulation and CPD
- Compatibility of the mechanism with patient needs is critical!



Thank you

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