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

- Patient Safety
- Clinical Effectiveness
- Patient Experience
- Value for Money
Process

Scoping exercise: identified case of need

Public consultation

Commission on Human Medicines (CHM)

Ministerial approval

Implementation

Evaluation
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

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

Scientific
Biomedical Scientists
Clinical Scientists

Life Sciences
Physiological Sciences
Physical Sciences & Biomedical Sciences

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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