

## Medicines Optimisation online training packages

Prescribing tip for information only

As part of this year's Primary Care Quality Contract prescribers within practices have been asked to attend a series of training events provided by the Medicines Optimisation Team. Throughout the course of the year the team will be providing a total of 4 sessions.

**All permanent prescribing clinical staff including long term locums are required to attend a minimum of 2 out of 4 possible training events.**

The topics covered by the training include

- Diabetes – (a review of local formulary and guidance)
- Opioid prescribing – (Review of local guidance and strategies for tackling high dose opioid prescribing)
- Antibiotic prescribing – (feedback on annual audit outcomes in line with local formulary recommendations)
- COPD – (an update on national and local guidance highlighting medicines optimisation opportunities within current prescribing)

All the training events will initially be provided through face to face events which will be either run at external PET's sessions or provided within the practice at appropriate team meetings. **NB. The face to face diabetes and opioid events were delivered at PETs events run earlier within the year. Attendance at the face to face events has been monitored by the completion of signing in forms on the day of the event.**

**Contact will be made by your Medicines Optimisation team pharmacist to arrange a convenient time to deliver the Antibiotic Prescribing training at a date which is convenient for your practice and the COPD training event will be delivered at the external PET's sessions which are planned for November 2019.**

As it is envisaged that the dates of these events may not be accessible for all members of the practice's prescribing team the training packages have also been developed as online resources. Links to access the training packages will be circulated to practices once the training has been finalised. **Individuals who complete the training package online will also need to complete a short online quiz. Completion of the quiz will be monitored by the Medicines Optimisation team and must be completed successfully to demonstrate completion of the course.**

The link to the first of these online packages covering the topic of diabetes can be accessed here [Medicines Optimisation Team online training packages](#)

**To contact the Medicines Optimisation Team please phone 01772 214302**