

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)

The face to face training events for Diabetes, Opioid Prescribing and COPD have now been delivered and **attendance at the 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.

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 two of these online packages covering the topic of Diabetes and Opioid Prescribing can be accessed here [Medicines Optimisation Team online training packages](#). Work is continuing to develop the online training resources for Antibiotic Prescribing and COPD and these should be accessible from early 2020.

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