

Pharmacy and Medicines sessions at NHS Expo 2018

To hear the latest developments in pharmacy and medicines across the NHS, you are invited to come along to one of our sessions at Expo18. We've got some great speakers lined up across a range of interesting topics. Expo is a great opportunity to meet colleagues, be updated and find inspiration, but sign up soon as sessions are first-come-first-served and some get booked up early!

Please note: All public sector staff and academics can take advantage of complimentary tickets to Expo 2018. Use the code EXPO18 where prompted in the online form linked to the homepage at www.england.nhs.uk/expo to claim your free-of-charge place. Please note that this code is only for use by NHS, academia and wider public sector staff. Anyone from a private sector or commercial organisation who uses this code will have their registration cancelled.

Session details

Wednesday 5 September, 10.10 - 10.50

Implementing ePrescribing and Medicines Administration Systems

Following the announcement of £75m to accelerate the implementation of ePrescribing across the NHS there are going to be a large number of organisations investigating what they need to do. This technology is one of the most challenging of all health technologies to successfully implement, requiring buy-in and change from a wide range of stakeholders. The workshop will explore, with a number of existing users, what the key challenges will be to deliver a successful go-live. It will identify the approaches used and how sites have overcome the issues. It will also highlight where to go for help and will provide a framework which those starting on their ePrescribing journey can use to underpin their work

Venue: Health Tech Zone - Theatre 2

Wednesday 5 September, 11.45-12.45

Optimising e-prescribing systems to address medication error

Chaired by Ann Slee, NHS Improvement

The session will explore the challenges associated with optimising systems and the importance of this. It will identify where priorities might lie, the best approaches to use and where the benefits can be found.

Venue: PUU8

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Wednesday 5 September, 13.30 - 14.10

Delivering transformation: insight for Trusts about to start their journey on ePMA (electronic prescribing and medicines administration)

NHSI and NHSE are about to launch a new programme to accelerate ePMA. This will help trusts should be particularly helpful to those who want to plan to bid for further tranches and to ensure that those moving forward this year haven't missed anything.

Venue: Health Tech Zone

Wednesday 5 September, 13.45 - 14.15

What are the Regional Medicines Optimisation Committees and how is their work supporting local health systems to improve medicine use?

Presented by: Justine Scanlan, Head of Service, Specialist Pharmacy Services; Michele Cossey, Regional Pharmacist (North) & Head of Clinical Strategy, NHS England North; Mike Prentice, Medical Director (North), NHS England

Find out about the regional medicines optimisation committees and their role to make recommendations, provide resources, and co-ordinate activities to ensure the optimal use of medicines for the benefit of patients and the NHS across England.

Venue: NHS England/NHS Improvement joint stand

Wednesday 5 September, 14.10 - 14.50

More than a prescription: what is the potential of medicines data?

Presented by: Fintan Grant, Programme Head, NHS Digital

As the prescribing and dispensing process is increasing digitised the data it generates has the potential to support smarter, more informed decisions about medicines use and spend while unlocking the door to a greater understanding of the safety and effectiveness of medicines. We will explain how NHS Digital are working to deliver the data that can ensure the NHS optimises the use of medicines to deliver better patient outcomes and an affordable medicines bill.

Venue: Health Tech Zone - Theatre 2

Wednesday 5 September, 14.15-14.45

Integrated approaches to tackling polypharmacy to help reduce hospital admissions

Presented by: Lindsay Harper, Director of Pharmacy, Salford Royal Care Organisation

Getting the most from medicines for both patients and the NHS is becoming increasingly important as more people are taking more medicines. The safe use of medicines is the responsibility of all professionals, healthcare organisations and patients which is why Salford's Safer Medicines Programme aims to identify innovative ways to tackle polypharmacy in collaboration with patients and professionals from across the health and care system.

Venue: Improving Care Zone

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Wednesday 5 September, 16.45-17.45

Developing system leadership in medicines optimisation: Designing the system relationships between STPs/ICSs, providers, commissioners, primary care networks and clinical pharmacists that will enable best value from medicines

Presented by: Richard Cattell, Deputy Chief Pharmaceutical Officer, NHS Improvement; David Webb, Director of Pharmacy, Guys and St Thomas's Hospital; Deborah Evans, Managing Director, Pharmacy Complete

Given the importance of establishing value from the NHS's £17.4bn medicines bill, and the need to continue to improve health outcomes and raise the profile of prevention of ill-health in the NHS, this session focuses on the pivotal role that medicines play in the system. Speakers will share how STPs can best integrate and embed the medicines value and safety agendas into care pathways, and change processes across the system, to ensure better outcomes and prevention of ill-health across sectors. The effective use of medicines and population data will feature significantly, and there will be an opportunity to contribute to the development of NHS England's pharmacy and medicines optimisation framework for STPs which is currently in development.

Venue: Theatre 2

Thursday 6 September, 10:00 - 11:00

Integrating care at system level: safer care for care home residents

Presented by: Wasim Baqir, Pharmacy Integration Care Homes Lead, NHS England; Emily Wighton, Senior Manager, System Transformation Group, NHS England

The Medicines Optimisation in Care Homes programme is recruiting and deploying pharmacists and pharmacy technicians in care homes to help reduce overmedication and cut unnecessary hospital stays. Join Wasim Baqir to discuss how you can integrate clinical care home services across local systems (e.g. GPs, hospitals, mental health, community pharmacy).

Venue: PUU7

Thursday 6 September, 12:00 – 13:00

The Implementation of Pharmacogenomics (PGx) in the NHS: An opportunity for personalised medicine

Presented by: Ravi Sharma, Clinical Lead (Clinical Pharmacy & Genomics), NHS England

Does pharmacogenomics sound like something from the future? Join Ravi Sharma to explore the possibilities presented by pharmacogenomics, what the barriers might be and how patients might feel about the use of personalised medicines.

Venue: PUU3

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Thursday 6 September, 13.15-14.15

How NHS England works collaboratively with industry and patient groups, to enable specialised services to embrace innovation, whilst securing best value for the NHS and taxpayers

The session will explore how NHS England works closely with industry and patient groups, to enable the NHS to embrace innovation and new health technologies that offer the best value for the NHS and tax payers across specialised commissioning. The session will showcase examples of where collaboration with industry, as well as patient voice and experience has informed and influenced commissioning decisions.

Venue: PUU1

Thursday 6 September, 14:30 - 15:30

Pharmacy Integration Fund evaluation

Presented by: Jiri Chard, Senior Analytical Lead, NHS England; Kim Jeong, Senior Analytical Manager, NHS England; Lucy Sandell, Senior Analytical Manager, NHS England

Learn about the early evaluation findings from the Pharmacy Integration Fund, with a focus on two NHS 111 services aiming to move activity from GP and urgent care to community pharmacies.

Venue: PUU3