

Twitter Exchange January 4th 2018



NHS England @NHSEngland · Jan 3

The Clinical Pharmacists in General Practice programme is now expanding the number of pharmacists in general practice. #GP practices and other providers of general practice medical services are invited to apply for funding by 19 January 2018 ow.ly/dbSJ30hwTOR

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Sandie Hall @SandieHall · Jan 4

Why not invest in prescribing pharmacists in community pharmacy and creating an integrated health system. Start using what you have in better ways open out of hours, accessible to all, professional delivery of excellent community care
[#communitypharmacy](#) [#heartofthecommunity](#)

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Ben Merriman

@blmerriman

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Replying to @SandieHall @NHSEngland

Yes @keithridge1 & @BruceWarner - we have an independent pharmacist operating in a pharmacy with his own prescribing budget in Barrow-in-Furness which GPs and patients love. It can be done. So why not do it?
[#lovemypharmacy](#)

1:20 AM - 4 Jan 2018



Keith Ridge @keithridge1 · Jan 6

Replying to @blmerriman @SandieHall and 2 others

Interesting. Tell me more

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Ben Merriman @blmerriman · 24h

Service on the back of MAS commissioned by that was Cumbria CCG. Two pharmacists trained to become IPs via HEE Funding with local GPs agreeing to mentor pharmacists. Mainly dealing with infections (minor skin, UTIs, RTIs), pharmacists has agreed formulary to work within

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Ben Merriman @blmerriman · 24h

Pharmacist has full read/write access to GP record (with patient consent) to both ensure clinical safety/appropriateness and to record treatment given. Pharmacy set up as a "clinic" so FP10s are issued with his own prescriber code. Could remainder of PHIF be used to develop this?

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Keith Ridge @keithridge1 · 24h

Thanks. Helpful

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Ben Merriman @blmerriman · 24h

It really has benefited these patients and the surgery. The skills pharmacists have now could be used to really help out overstretched GPs and A&E. Please know that pharmacies are ready, willing and able to do their bit.

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Keith Ridge @keithridge1 · 24h

Any evaluation data I could see please?

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Ben Merriman @blmerriman · 23h

Will get in touch with our LPC officers to get what I can.



Mary Evans @MaryCEvans1 · 23h

Ben, I have just joined our STP clinical exec board. Would be grateful for this info too. Existing examples with some evaluation really help the case

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1 more reply



Ben Merriman @blmerriman · Jan 6

Replying to @blmerriman @SandieHall and 3 others

Maybe this could be the way you spend the remainder of the Pharmacy Integration Fund? If you truly wanted community pharmacy to play an important part in both patient care and taking the strain of other NHS colleagues, you'd seriously consider such a suggestion. Wouldn't you....?

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Liz Butterfield

@LizButterfield1

Following

Agree. This could seriously improve access to healthcare and take pressure off GP surgeries. Need incentives and care pathways aligned, interoperable IT etc. All possible now. Cross-referral, joined up Primary Care.

@HelenRCGP @rpharms @PatientsAssoc

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1:51 AM - 6 Jan 2018