

HJ Medicines Optimisation and Pharmacy

Current priorities and 25/26
plans

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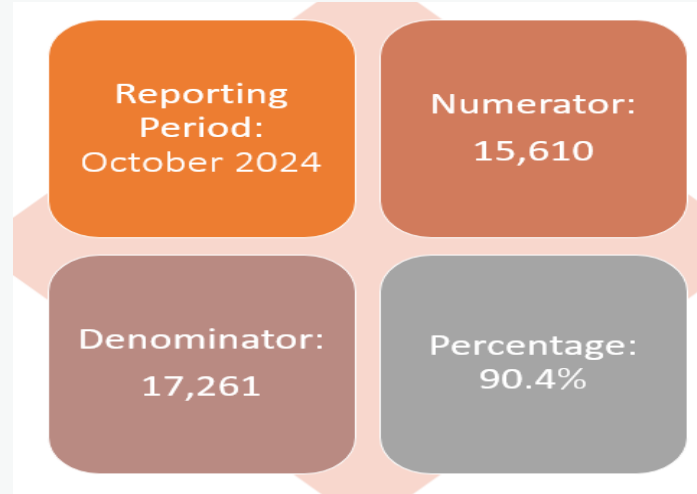


Some Successes



10th Sept and 22nd Oct: Early release scheme (SDS40):

- Releases after serving 40% of sentence
- Approx 3000 across both dates
- No issues with medicines continuity- 28 days supplied



Medicines reconciliation outcomes:

- Sustained success over 2025
- 90% prisons meeting 80% target
- Toolkit available to support release and transfer

improvements: [Continuity of Care in Detained Estates - Health and Justice Medicines Optimisation Network - FutureNHS Collaboration Platform](#)



Nasal Naloxone: Officer use

- Partnership with HMPPS + £
- Supply and training via HJ SMS teams
- Local HMPPS SPOC to lead at each site
- Used >100 times so far = saving lives

2024/25 Programme final phases

CGM in HJ

Tools and guidance
Implementation support
NHS England framework

SMRs in HJ

Actions for implementation
planning
Tools and guidance
Dashboard set up

Data and digital

EPS FoT and fast followers
Digital transfer of HJIS Rx (new)
Data integration of vaccs and
SMRs into national datasets

COVID, flu and RSV vaccination

VVE and outcome monitoring
Planning for Spring 2025 (COVID)
Inclusion of flu and RSV data
in FDP

January – March 2025

National phase of programme
development ends

Plans to increase regional
HJ pharmaceutical advice

Implementation passes to regions
and sites to plans and progress

Local, regional and national
reporting to inform use/uptake

Sharing good practice

What next for naloxone in 2025?

- HMR 2012 regulations changing allowing more organisations/staff to possess naloxone and supply take home supply: [The Human Medicines \(Amendments Relating to Naloxone and Transfers of Functions\) Regulations 2024](#)
- HMPPS will be able to order and handle naloxone themselves
- Transition to new model planned for 2025 including HMPPS commissioned training for all officers
- Review of models of take home supplies will be needed- partnership approach to maximise uptake and access against common criteria



What next for medicines continuity in 2025

- Continue to explore options for using evidence bags to support transfer and court supplies
- Focus on outcome improvement and use of SEAT templates- regionally led
- YouTube videos for released people about accessing medicines in the community
- Design a leaflet and poster to complement the videos
- Impact assessment of move to 28-day EPS prescription supplies on release



Discharge
Percentage:
29%

Transfer
Percentage: 32.6%

Looking to 2025/26: Programme drivers

10 year plan in Spring will drive priorities: 3 shifts:

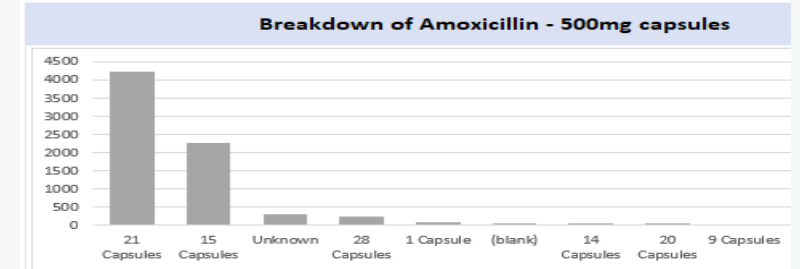
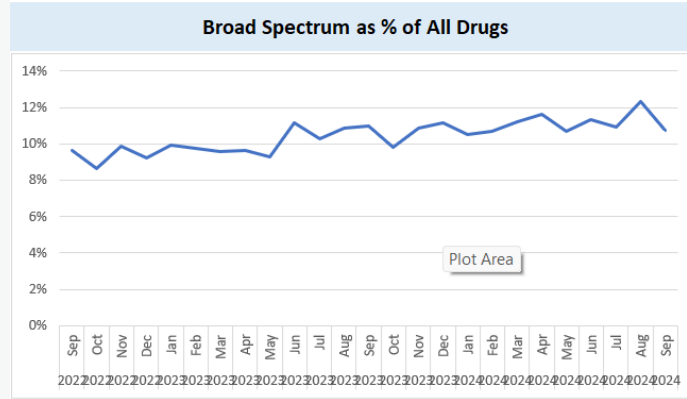
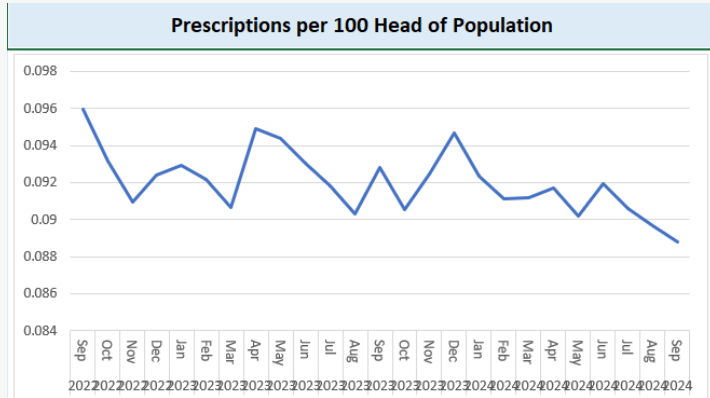
- shift 1: moving more care from hospitals to communities
- shift 2: making better use of technology in health and care
- shift 3: focusing on preventing sickness, not just treating it

In the meantime:

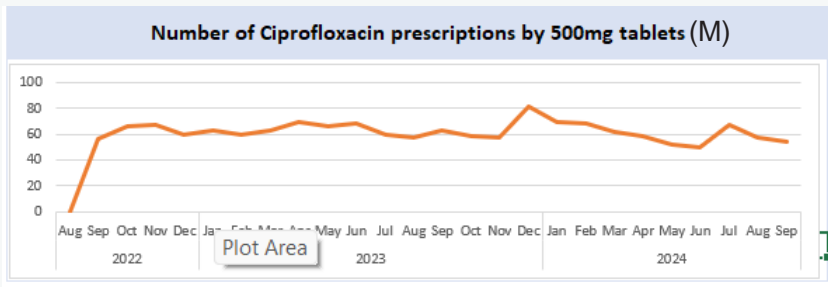
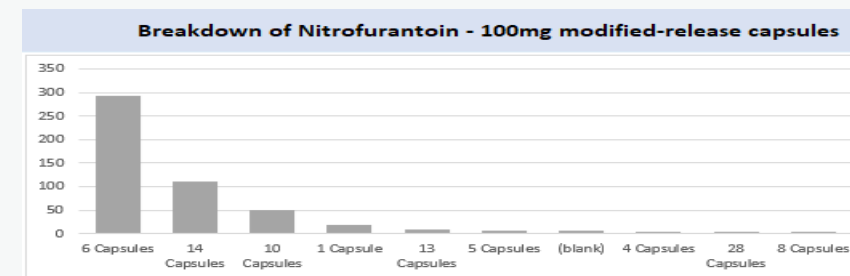
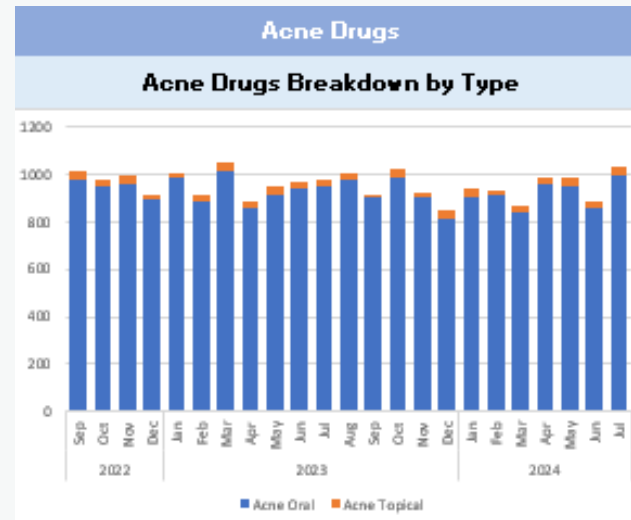
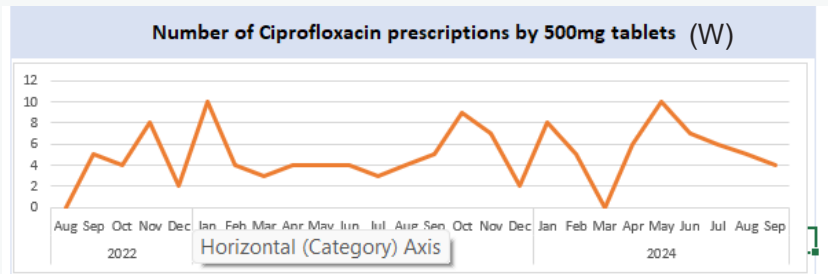
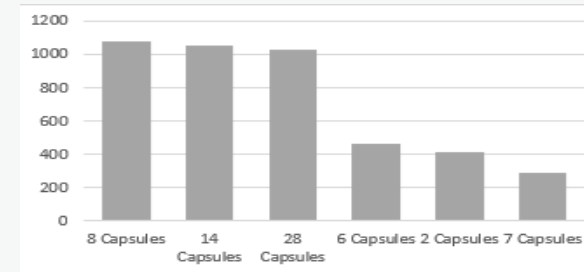
- Antimicrobial Stewardship
- Medicines safety and access
- Focus on women in custody and mental health
- Pharmacy careers, training and workforce



Antimicrobial Stewardship in HJ: Data



Breakdown of Doxycycline - 100mg capsules



HJ healthcare staff survey

First study to examine AMR knowledge, attitudes, and prescribing behaviour in correctional facilities.

Motivation gap: Highlights need for strategies to improve AMS implementation.

Actionable steps:

- Enhance AMS motivation via tailored interventions.
- Address acute prescribing challenges with specific guidance and support.
- Strengthen AMS practices within prison healthcare settings.

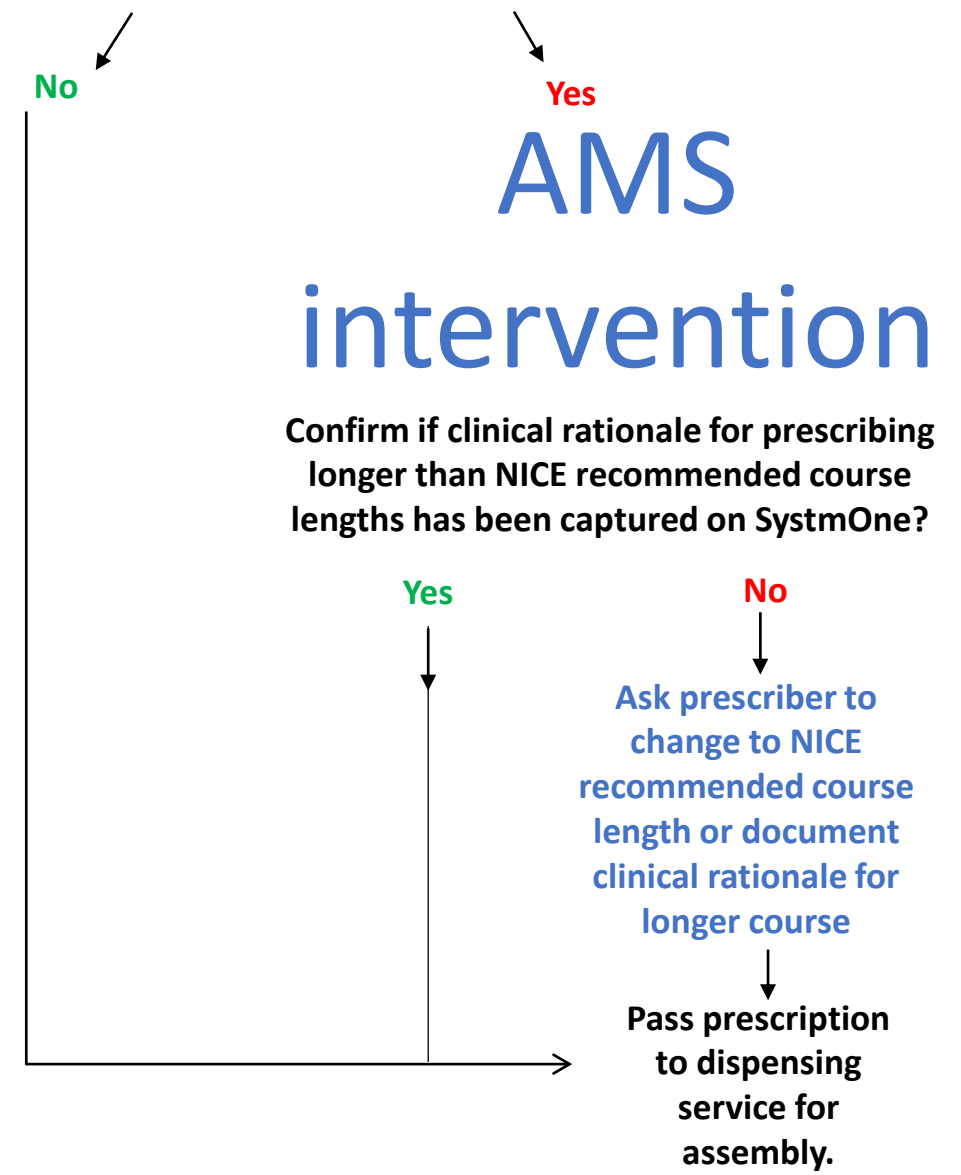




Quick Wins to preparing for the changes:

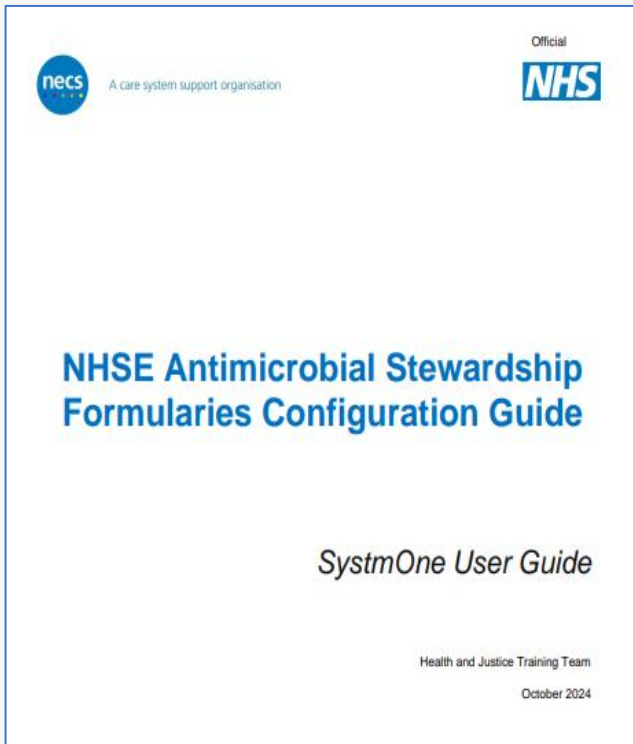
- Reconcile each prescription with the rationale on SystemOne
- Remove stock of larger packs from emergency cupboards
- Request smaller packs from over labelling supplier
- Brief the healthcare and pharmacy teams about the changes
- Liaise with subcontracted pharmacies to ensure they are aware of the changes and have appropriate pack sizes.
- Empower subcontracted pharmacy services to check rationale for larger pack sizes

Has more than 5 days been prescribed for respiratory tract infection or more than 3 days for UTI (female)?



SystemOne HJIS formulary and alerts

- Developed a HJIS SystemOne formulary guide for antimicrobials including – all sites to upload and use
 - MHRA alert warning for fluoroquinolones- have to add a reason for prescribing if used
 - Course lengths for common antibiotics pre-populated in line with NICE guidance.



3.2 Fluoroquinolones Prescribing Warnings

Once the 'MHRA Systemic Fluoroquinolones' is imported and the medicines published, SystemOne will generate warnings whenever they are prescribed.

1. If prescribed the following warning will appear:

Question

The following formulary has some warnings.

MHRA Systemic Fluoroquinolones

Warning Type: When Prescribed
This drug is no longer recommended for routine prescribing, except where no alternatives are suitable.

MHRA Alert:
<https://www.gov.uk/drug-safety-update/fluoroquinolone-antibiotics-must-now-only-be-prescribed-when-other-commonly-recommended-antibiotics-are-inappropriate>

Patient Information Leaflet:
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/55aa9125c69eea0010883840/FQ_Patient_Information_Sheet_-_TO_PUBLISH.pdf

Do you wish to proceed?

Medicine	Dose	Direction's	Duration	Quantity
Amoxicillin capsules	500mg	One to be taken three times daily	5 x days	15
Doxycycline capsules	100mg	Two to be taken on day 1	5 x days	6
		One to be taken on days 2 - 5		
Flucloxacillin capsules	500mg	One to be taken four times a day	5 x days	20
Flucloxacillin capsules	500mg	One to be taken four times a day	7 x days	28
Lymecycline capsules	100mg	One to be taken daily	28 x days	28
		Note: Review at 3 x months Maximum 6 x months course		
Nitrofurantoin 12 x hour modified release capsules or Nitrofurantoin M/R capsules	100mg	One to be taken twice a day	3 x days	6



Next steps

National:

- Share the HJ dashboard and continue to monitor and report on outcomes
- Share good practice from improved outcomes so processes and approaches can be used by others
- Workstream being developed looking at skincare and acne management
- Further interventions to be designed based on survey and behaviour change theory
- Additional patient-focussed information e.g. Wayout TV

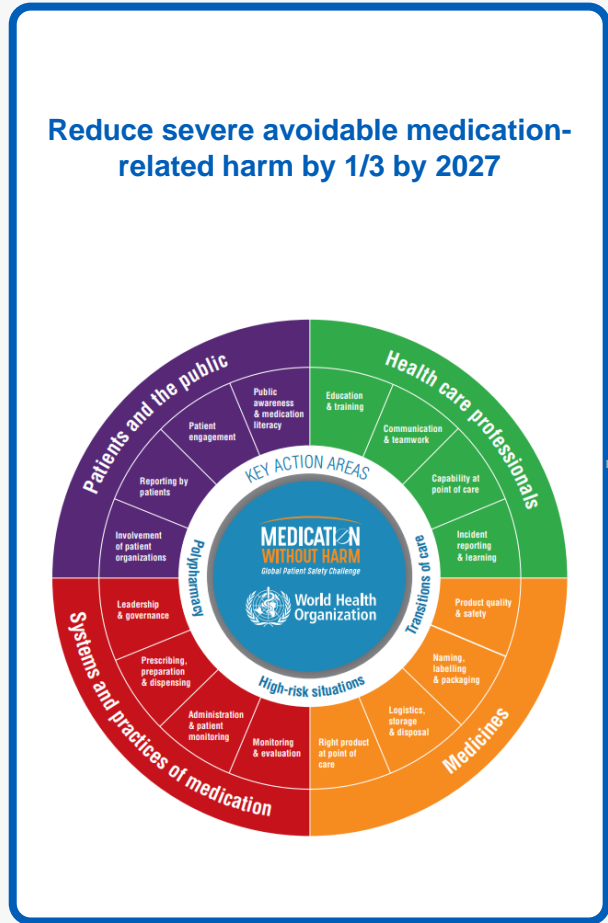
Regional

- Commissioners to support sites to improve prescribing

Local- You!

- Use the tools/letters shared with MMC, prescribers and pharmacy teams – empower change

Medicines Safety Priorities 2024-2027



Medication safety leadership approach

Empower the Medication Safety Officer workforce

Increase reliable administration of time critical medicines

Whole system approach

Reduce harm from opioids used in chronic pain

Reduce harm from psychotropics in learning disability

Reduce harm from falls-risk inducing drugs in frailty

Reduce harm from valproate taken in pregnancy

Targeted approach (primary care)

Reduce acute kidney injury inducing polypharmacy

Perfect dosing of direct oral anticoagulants



Valproate in HJ: Female and Male estate

- Linking HJ with ICB valproate safety leads
- Sharing key information and data to support local audit



Access to critical medicines- MH pathway review

- Deep dive review of IP vs non-IP and urgent medicines access
- Medicines access at courts and transfer- continuity of care



Psychotropics, opioids and other DFMs

- SMR programme implementation prioritising these medicines
- Actions to improve medicines optimisation for people with neurodiversity or learning disability

HJ Pharmacy Workforce programme

A resource for promoting Pharmacy careers in England
 This resource is aimed at Pharmacy professionals, Health Careers leads, Teachers, Careers leads in schools and anyone else showcasing careers in Pharmacy to young people and job seekers.

This resource contains:

- An overview of up-to-date resources and information relating to careers in Pharmacy
- Links to teaching materials and lesson plans for use in the classroom and at careers events
- Signposting to additional information around careers in Pharmacy

If you are a Pharmacy professional, you can use some of these resources when:

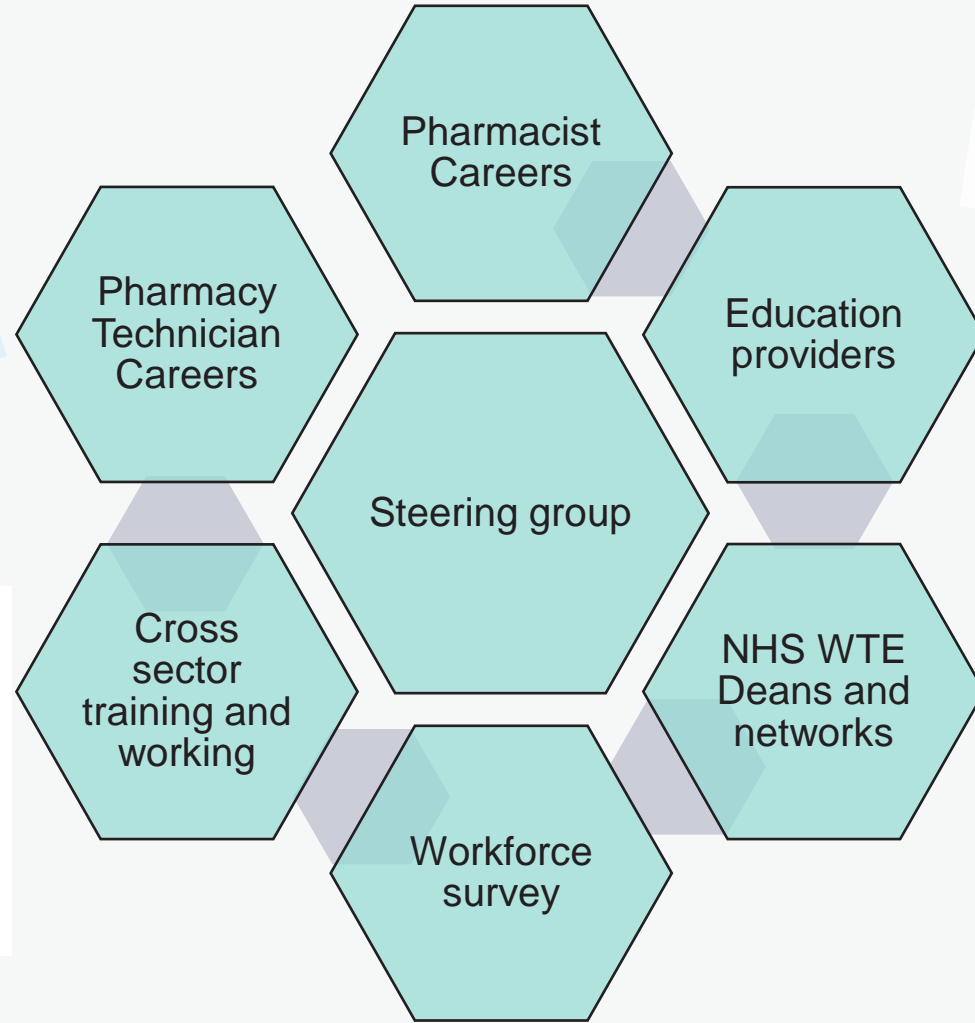
- Promoting Pharmacy careers at a school careers fair
- Giving a talk to groups of students in a school and about your role in Pharmacy, virtually or face to face
- Supporting in the design of virtual or face to face work experience

If you are a teacher or careers lead, you can use these resources to:

- Discuss careers in Pharmacy as part of a career session
- Design a lesson plan with activities and resources linked to roles in Pharmacy
- Develop careers fair materials and resources for your local area

If you are a workforce lead in a healthcare organisation, or working across a healthcare system, you can use these resources to:

- Support in the development of recruitment campaigns for Pharmacy staff in your area
- Showcase Pharmacy roles to colleagues working across your local services
- Define the entry and development pathway for those in your area interested in pursuing a career in Pharmacy



NHS England to offer extra 25 placements in health and justice sites for trainee pharmacists

The additional placements mean there will be 26 trainee pharmacy placements at health at justice sites in 2024/2025.

Legislation paves way for Pharmacy Technicians to supply medicines under PGDs

Dispensing & Supply | National Pharmacy Services | Quality & Regulations | Thursday 6th June 2024

New legislation has been introduced to permit pharmacy technicians to supply and administer medicines under Patient Group Directions (PGDs).

[Amendments to the Human Medicines Regulations](#) were laid before Parliament at the end of May and are due to come into effect from 26th June 2024. The changes will permit registered pharmacy technicians to supply and administer medicines under a PGD in the course of their professional practice.

Inclusive Pharmacy Practice Plan NHS

PHE reports

- June 2020: Disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on people of Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic backgrounds.
- August 2020: [Icon]

Plan themes

Cultural competence, fairness and equity in...

- Leadership and representation
- Professional education and training
- Healthcare service delivery

Development and engagement

- July 2020: Fortnightly Stakeholder Advisory Group set up
- 5 Aug 2020: First National Pharmacy Roundtable event
- 25 Sep 2020: Joint National Statement of Principles of Inclusive Pharmacy Professional Practice
- 10 March 2021: Joint National Plan for Inclusive Pharmacy Practice
- September 2021: Second National Pharmacy Roundtable event

ROYAL PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY



Summary

- Several programmes to embed in 2025: SMR, EPS and AMR
- Continuing improvement- continuity of medicines in partnership
- New programmes to improve digital prescriptions, access to medicines supplies
- Health and Justice workforce careers, inclusion and integration

Over to you

- Engage locally with HJ practice teams, patients and PCN/ICBs
- Share good practice and improvements locally and nationally
- Use the opportunities to develop your HJ pharmacy practice and the practice of those around you