

COVID -19 Medicines optimisation key messages for practices – Issue 10

Please send all queries to the team inbox: MECCG.PIMMS@nhs.net Please bear with us as like yourselves we are dealing with many challenges. We will do our best to respond in a timely manner but do consider that queries that have a wider impact may take longer to respond to whilst we seek guidance. We have set up a new page on our website for Covid-19 medicines resources: <https://midsexccg.nhs.uk/medicines-optimisation/covid-19-resources>

Pharmacy support for Care Home Residents

You will be aware we have been tasked nationally to support care homes – from a medicines point of view:

- supporting reviews of residents- particularly new residents or those recently discharged from hospital
- facilitating medication supply to care homes, including end of life medication
- supporting care homes with medication queries, and facilitating their medicines needs with the wider healthcare system (e.g. through medicines ordering)
- delivering structured medication reviews to care home residents – via video or telephone consultation where appropriate.

Pharmacists and pharmacy technicians from all organisation across Mid Essex are being asked to support this work. An outline plan to deliver this is shown below and has been developed in consultation with the wider pharmacy community. Work is going on to evolve the plan.

Mid Essex CCG Response COVID-19 Medicines Optimisation in Care Homes

Mid Essex 9 PCNs	3041 beds
• 5 PCN Pharmacist Leads	91 Care Homes
• 17 Practice Pharmacists	• 9 Elderly
	• 45 Dementia
	• 37 Learning Disabilities

Lead PCN pharmacist co-ordinates input to MDTs, delivery of medication reviews and SMRs- delivery by practice pharmacists supported by MOCH team, CCG pharmacists and community pharmacists

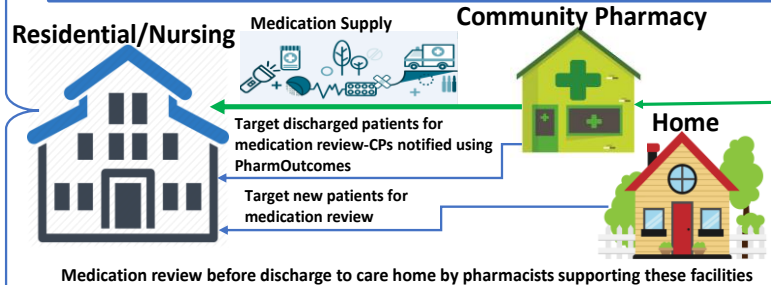
MOCH Team

MEDICATION HELPLINE
FOR CARE HOMES
10am to 8pm 7 days a week
01245 922 001
pharmacist.carehome@nhs.net

LD Specialist Pharmacist
Care of Elderly Specialist Pharmacist
Mental Health Specialist Pharmacist
Access to Medication

- Eclipse COVID Care Home Tool
- Eclipse SMURF
- PharmOutcomes
- SystemOne/EMIS/Vision
- Monitoring of Stocks
- Proxy ordering
- POD for Care Homes

Central Information Point



Aegros 217	Braintree 686	Chelmer 443
C/ford City 95	C/ford West 195	Colne Valley 554
DengieSWF 327	Phoenix 348	WithamMaldon 176

Procurement, Medicines Information and Specialist Clinical Pharmacy support

COVID-19 Care Homes Dashboard

The Eclipse COVID Protect Care Homes Tool/dashboard has been established and can be used for medication overview and identification of patients for structured medication reviews (SMR). As you know the accuracy of Eclipse relies on correct coding so please ensure that all your care home residents are coded as Living in a Residential, Nursing or Care Home.
<https://secure.nhspathways.org>

Change to EPUT Dementia Medicines monitoring service:

From 1st June 2020 EPUT will no longer be carrying out dementia medication reviews for your patients in care homes. These reviews will in future be carried out by pharmacists from the Medicines Optimisation in Care Homes (MOCH) team. The care home residents, their families and care home managers have all been contacted and advised about this change. If you have any concerns about a dementia patient living in a care home related to their dementia medication review, please contact pharmacist.carehome@nhs.net or call on 01245 922001-available 10am until 8pm 7 days a week. For any other issues related to dementia, please contact the Dementia Intensive Support Service (DISS) 01245 515313 who can support and signpost to the relevant service if required.