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Welcome to the January 2016 issue of Hints & Tips, your regular newsletter full of updates and information.

In this issue we've included news on forthcoming developments to the ePACT service and updates to the Medicines Optimisation dashboard as well as information on the Antibiotic Quality Premium. There are details of products which now have licensed equivalents available and a statement from NICE regarding the recent changes to the BNF format, plus information on the purpose of the GMS Statement of Financial Entitlements and where it can be found.

We're also looking at how to keep the NHSBSA informed about changes to prescriber details, the importance of prescriber and organisation codes and what happens to Unidentified Practice Nurse forms.

If you have any suggestions for topics you'd like to see included in a future edition, please contact us at:
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Improving the ePACT service

We are currently exploring how we can upgrade the ePACT technology to improve the performance of the service. We will build on the [feedback provided last year](#) to improve the way that you can interact with prescribing data and information.

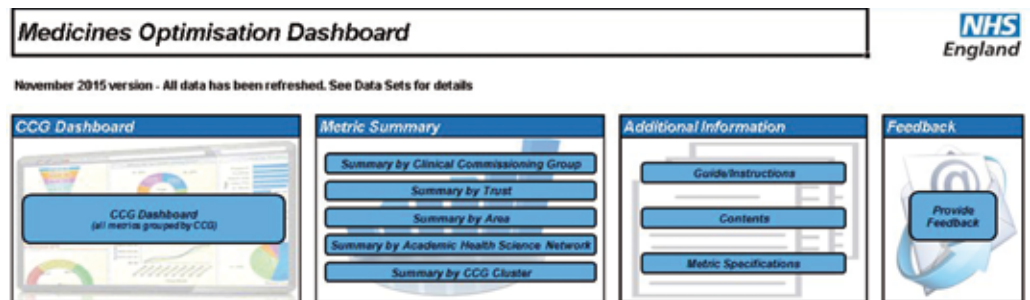
To this end we are starting to engage further with ePACT customers to understand your needs in more detail. We're doing this through one to one discussions, group workshops and WebEx sessions. This will allow input from our broad user community and ensure that any developments are made in line with your information needs.

Many users have already expressed an interest in being directly involved and we are working to make sure that they all have the opportunity to do so. Some sessions have already taken place and this work will continue throughout January.

We will update you regularly on the input we receive and our progress throughout the project. If you have any ideas let us know by contacting nhsbsa.help@nhs.net

Medicines Optimisation dashboard refreshed

In November, NHS England launched an updated Medicines Optimisation Dashboard to help CCGs improve and understand how patients across the country are being supported to use their medicines.



The dashboard brings together data and aligns it to various themes including patient safety, mental health, cardiovascular disease, respiratory disease, diabetes, antibiotic prescribing and community pharmacy.

Appendix - Metric Data Sets			
Antibiotics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Antibacterial items per STAR PU Co-amoxiclav, Cephalosporins and Quinolones % items 	CVD / CHD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Atrial Fibrillation - Access to audit tool Atrial Fibrillation (AF204) % achieving upper threshold or above Atrial Fibrillation (AF204) % underlying achievement Heart failure (HF202) % achieving upper threshold or above Heart failure (HF202) % underlying achievement Heart failure (HF204) % achieving upper threshold or above Heart failure (HF204) % underlying achievement Ischaemic (IHD20) % items Other anticoagulants % items 	Mental Health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Antidepressants (below): ADQ STAR PU (ADQ based) Antidepressants - First choice % items Depression (DE202) % achieving upper threshold or above Depression (DE202) % underlying achievement Hyphosis ADQ STAR PU (ADQ based) Mental Health (MH20) % achieving upper threshold or above Mental Health (MH20) % underlying achievement 	Osteoporosis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DDD Osteoporosis drugs per 100,000 resident population Denosumab (80mg/ml) DDDs per 100,000 resident population Osteoporosis (OP202) % achieving upper threshold or above Osteoporosis (OP202) % underlying achievement Denosumab (80mg/ml) mg per 100,000 PSE days
Biosimilars (New for Nov 15) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> % of Infliximab 	Diabetes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Antidiabetic drugs (BNF section 6.1.2) Diabetes Mellitus (DM008) % achieving upper threshold or above Diabetes Mellitus (DM008) % underlying achievement Emergency Diabetes admissions 	Patient Safety <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safety audit software Summary care records availability Medicines reconciliation NRLS - % of harmful events NRLS - reporting rate Summary care records utilisation 	Respiratory <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asthma (AST202) % achieving upper threshold or above Asthma (AST202) % underlying achievement Emergency asthma admissions Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD02) % achieving upper threshold or above Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD02) % underlying achievement Emergency COPD admissions
Community Support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> % EPS items % of practices enabled for EPS % of practices submitting EPS % of repeat dispensing % of EPS repeat dispensing Number of LUR per 1,000 dispensed items % of pharmacies conducting MMS Number of NHS claims per 1,000 dispensed items 			

It's not intended to be used as a performance management tool, but the data will allow local NHS organisations to highlight variation in local practice and encourage discussion on the appropriateness of local care.

The dashboard is available at <https://www.england.nhs.uk/ourwork/pe/mo-dash/>

What is the Antibiotic Quality Premium?

The Quality Premium is intended to reward Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) for improvements in the quality of the services that they commission, and for associated improvements in health outcomes and reducing inequalities.

The Quality Premium paid to CCGs in 2016/17 (to reflect the quality of the health services commissioned by them in 2015/16) will be based on a number of measures that cover both national and local priorities.

One of these measures is improving antibiotic prescribing in primary and secondary care. This equates to 10% of the quality premium.

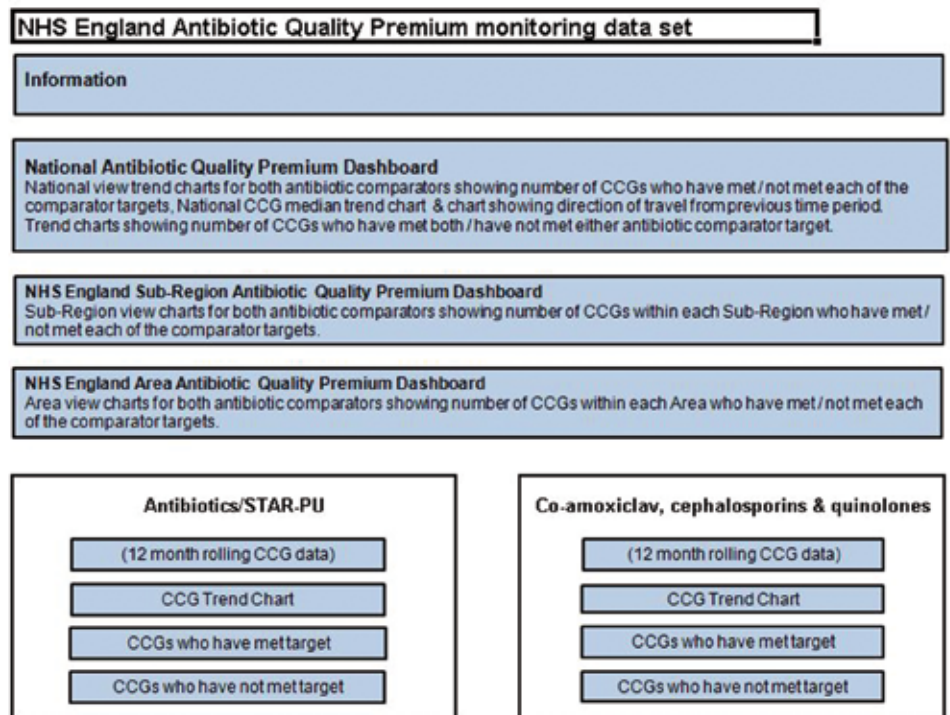
The NHS England Antibiotic Quality Premium Monitoring Dashboard is produced by the NHS Business Services Authority to support NHS England in monitoring CCG performance in the delivery of the Antibiotic Quality Premium. The dashboard, which is published monthly, reports on progress against the primary care antibiotic prescribing targets that are defined in the Quality Premium Guidance document.

The dashboard is available at:
<https://www.england.nhs.uk/resources/resources-for-ccgs/ccg-out-tool/ccg-ois/anti-dash/>

Information about the Quality Premium including the Guidance document can be found on the NHS England website at:
<http://www.england.nhs.uk/ccg-ois/qual-prem/>

Antibiotic metrics are published as part of the Medicines Optimisation Key Therapeutic Topics (MO KTT) reports available through the Information Services Portal at:
<https://apps.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/infosystems/welcome>

Similar information and AMR guidance is also available through the Antimicrobial Stewardship (AMS) Hub (hosted as part of a PrescQIPP collaboration with NHS England to support CCG Quality Premium activity) at: <https://www.prescqipp.info/antimicrobial-stewardship/projects/antimicrobial-stewardship>



The importance of prescriber and organisation codes

We use prescriber and organisation codes to identify where prescription costs should be assigned and to provide data about who has prescribed what products. These codes are pre-printed on FP10 pads and entered into the prescribing system to be printed on computer generated FP10s, or used in electronic prescription messages. The authorised signatory for the CCG must notify us which practice (or other cost centre) is linked to each prescriber, in order to charge the cost of the prescription back to the correct prescriber and prescribing budget.

However, there has been a recent increase in the number of prescriptions received with incorrect prescriber details or prescriber codes that aren't linked to the correct practice. This 'unidentified prescribing' creates additional work for both NHS Prescription Services and CCGs, and makes monitoring and benchmarking prescribing activity more difficult.

GP practices can help address this by ensuring that the correct prescriber code is input into the prescribing system - for example, checking that the correct code is being used and none of the digits have been transposed. CCGs, trusts and provider organisations can help by keeping us informed of any additions, deletions and changes to prescriber and organisational data.

You can find more information on our website at: <http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/PrescriptionServices/3879.aspx>

Medical Prescriber codes

- Where a GP is working in only one practice, NHS Prescription Services will link their Doctor Index Number (DIN) with that practice and this unique six digit code (e.g. 123456) will identify both the GP and practice.
- GPs working in two or more practices need a separate code for each practice. These 'spurious codes' are allocated by NHS Prescription Services.

For example:

GP practice A - 123456

GP practice B - 623456



Non-Medical Prescriber (NMP) codes

NMPs need two codes on any prescription, one to identify them as a prescriber and one to identify the practice or cost centre. Their professional registration number issued by the relevant regulatory body is their 'prescriber code'. For example:

- Nurse – 12A3456B7
- Pharmacist - 2345678
- Physiotherapist – PH012345
- Podiatrist – CH012345
- Optometrist – 12-12345
- Radiographer – RA012345

Unidentified Practice Nurse prescription forms

We receive a substantial number of Practice Nurse (PN) prescriptions from non-medical prescribers (NMPs) who have not been registered with NHS Prescription Services at the practice specified on the prescriptions they're issuing. This has resulted in a high volume of unidentified nurse prescribing, which impacts on prescribing budgets and any clinical governance arrangements you have that rely on prescribing information provided by us. To register NMPs at your practice you will need to notify your CCG's authorised signatory who will submit a NMP registration form to the NHSBSA. Any registrations received will be added to our database within three working days. A link to the form can be found at <http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/PrescriptionServices/3971.aspx>

From 1 April 2016, if we're unable to identify the nurse from the prescriber details provided due to the nurse not being registered, we will attribute the prescribing to the practice's senior partner.

These drugs now have licensed equivalents available

Generic description	Licensed equivalent
Morphine sulfate 5mg/5ml solution for injection ampoules	Torbay Pharmaceuticals
Morphine sulfate 10mg/10ml solution for injection ampoules	Torbay Pharmaceuticals
Lisinopril 5mg/5ml oral solution sugar free	Essential Pharmaceuticals x150ml

Did
you
know?

Morphine sulfate 5mg/5ml solution for injection ampoules and Morphine sulfate 10mg/10ml solution for injection ampoules have recently been licensed by Torbay Pharmaceuticals. Where appropriate, these products should be used in preference to Morphine sulfate 5mg/5ml solution for injection ampoules (Special Order) and Morphine sulfate 10mg/10ml solution for injection ampoules (Special Order).

Lisinopril 5mg/5ml oral solution sugar free x 150ml has now been licensed by Essential Pharmaceuticals Ltd. There should no longer be the need to prescribe the sugar free solution as a Special and where appropriate, the licensed product above should be preferred to either of the following Special Order options:

- Lisinopril 5mg/5ml oral solution
- Lisinopril 5mg/ml oral suspension



Statement on the changes to the British National Formulary (BNF) format

You may be aware that there have been recent changes to the BNF format as evident in the BNF 70 September 2015 publication. As a result of these changes, the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) has communicated the following statement on behalf of a number of NHS bodies:

'The publisher of the BNF has made changes to the format of the BNF in order to better facilitate digital production for the future and to bring the information into one place in the print format. Background information regarding the changes is available via the following link: www.bnf.org/using-your-new-bnf/.

NICE are aware that NHS organisations utilise the BNF's hierarchy and have further developed it for a range of important uses which could be impacted by these changes, including in particular collecting and reporting data on medicines and other prescribable products. As well as local systems, this also affects NHS Business Services Authority's prescriptions information systems and reports, the dm+d supplementary release file, and the publications and data releases by the Health and Social Care Information Centre.

We would like to reassure you that we have arranged for the BNF Publisher to continue to support the hierarchy featured in previous editions of the BNF through 'BNF Legacy' via the www.medicinescomplete.com platform whilst solutions are implemented. This means that you can continue to use the current systems and do not need to change anything in the short-term. We are working with DH, NHSBSA, HSCIC, the devolved administrations and with key NHS Stakeholders to develop a long term solution and will provide updates on progress in due course. In moving forward we are committed to ensuring that we can continue to report on prescribing trends.'





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The General Medical Services Statement of Financial Entitlements Directions (GMS SFE)

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The GMS SFE Directions governs payments made by NHS England to a contractor under a general medical services contract. Details relating to dispensing can be found in Section 23, with Paragraph 23.3 specifying amounts payable in relation to the provision of drugs and appliances. Paragraph 23.4 details the products for which a contractor who is providing services under a GMS contract may be entitled to the payments listed in Paragraph 23.3.

Annex G of the Directions relates to Dispensing Payments, with Part 1 containing the Discount Scale. Part 2 specifies the dispensing feescale for contractors that are authorised or required to provide dispensing services (Dispensing Doctors), while Part 3 details the dispensing feescale for contractors that are not authorised or required to provide dispensing services (prescribing-only GPs, i.e. Personally Administered accounts).

You can find the consolidated Directions at:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/233366/gen_med_servs_statement_financial_entitlements_directions_2013_acc.pdf

Later amendments detailing updates to specific sections of the Directions (including the feescales at Annex G) are available at:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/299591/SFE_amend_directions_2014.pdf

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/363905/Directions_2014.pdf

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/418989/The_General_Medical_Services_Statement_of_Financial_Entitlements_Amendment_Directions_2015_FINAL_V2_2015_03_27.pdf

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/466284/SFE_Amendment_No.3_Directions_October_2015.pdf

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