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England



Improving patient care
through better general
practice and community
pharmacy integration

**RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION
DOCUMENT**

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To facilitate your feedback on this important consultation, we have posed a series of questions and we welcome your responses by Friday 9th October, 2015.

Q1: Do you agree with the two core principles outlined to improve the integration of the community pharmacist with general practice? Please let us know if there any principles you would add or change.

Yes No

Change principle(s):

Add additional principle(s):

PRINCIPLE I:

Q2: Do you agree with a joint population health approach to the provision of NHS care?

Yes No

Additional comments:

Q3: Do you agree that holistic services require holistic person-centred, rather than provider-centred, commissioning?

Yes No

Additional comments:

Q4: Do you think a joint population health framework will encourage and facilitate integration of general practice and community pharmacy?

Yes No

Additional comments:

PRINCIPLE 2:

Q5: How important is the need for a national minor ailments scheme, operating through community pharmacies, to provide a consistent standard of service for patients and the NHS that is available throughout the country?

Vital Very important Little importance Not important

Q6: Do you agree that community pharmacists and general practitioners could collaborate more to play a greater role in supporting high-risk patients, who are often taking multiple medicines?

Vital Very important Little importance Not important

Q7: How important are pharmacists working within GP surgeries to integration of general practice and community pharmacy in improving patient care?

Vital Very important Little importance Not important

Q8: Do you believe that patients should be enabled to allow community pharmacists full read/write access to their health records?

Vital Very important Little importance Not important

Q9: How important are contractual frameworks and incentives that integrate general practice and community pharmacy in improving patient care?

Vital Very important Little importance Not important

Q10: How important is the recognition and support of local leaders who are already improving patient care through the alignment of general practice and community pharmacy?

Vital Very important Little importance Not important

Q11: How important is it that joint educational initiatives and local meetings between community pharmacists and general practitioners becomes the norm?

Vital Very important Little importance Not important

WHAT NEXT?

Responses to this consultation will be collated and form the basis of a formal report to raise interest, stimulate debate and press for beneficial changes in primary care.

We are also actively looking for case studies that could add real life examples of where joined-up general practice and community pharmacy services are already benefitting patients.

Please send all replies and case studies to Heidi Wright, Royal Pharmaceutical Society, by Friday, October 9th, via email at: Heidi.Wright@rpharms.com.

Thank you for responding to this short consultation.

Name:

Title:

Organisation:

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Please confirm you are happy to have your responses made public?

Yes No