

Clinical and Social Care Governance 2005

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CPLD reviews its distance learning programmes every twelve months to ensure currency. This update has been produced by an expert and should be read in conjunction with the Clinical and Social Care Governance 2005 distance learning course. Where updated information has been provided, we have indicated the relevant section and page number in Clinical and Social Care Governance 2005 for your reference. All updated information is available to download from the CPLD website www.nicpld.org

Pharmacists are reminded that information contained in this addendum is correct at the time of publication (October 2008) but it is their responsibility to keep up-to-date with any changes in practice.

Section 1: Policy context

P19 - The review of public administration is set to change the health service structure in Northern Ireland. See www.rpani.gov.uk for latest available information.

Professional self regulation of pharmacy will change with the introduction of the pharmaceutical General Council in GB. For changes affecting NI, please see www.psn.org.uk

Section 2: Quality, standards and SOPs

The PSNI code of ethics is currently under review and the new code is expected to be available early 2009. See www.psn.org.uk for the latest available information.

Section 3: Risk management

P47 - Commission on Human Medicines now replaces the combined functions of the Committee on Safety of Medicines and the Medicines Commission. For further information see www.mhra.gov.uk

Section 4 – Audit and people

P72/73 - Patient involvement will now be through the new Patient Client Council (PCC). See www.rpani.gov.uk for latest available information.

Section 5 – Staff, education & training and CPD

In Northern Ireland, NVQs are now being offered as part of the student technician qualification in conjunction with the underpinning knowledge programme (e.g. BTEC). Although registration is not yet mandatory, qualified technicians (either NI or GB) wishing to register may do so with the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain. For the latest information see www.rpsgb.org.uk, www.psn.org.uk, www.aptuk.org