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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 Patient Medication Review and Records (2006) distance learning course. Where updated information has been provided, we have indicated the relevant section and page number in Patient Medication Review and Records (2006) 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.

Introduction

P4/5 - Glossary of terms.

CREST and RMAG have now combined to form a single entity known as the Guidelines and Audit Implementation Network (GAIN).

LHSCGs ceased operating on 30th September 2006 as part of the implementation of the Review of Public Administration (RPA).

NICE is the abbreviation used for the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence. NICE guidance is now implemented by the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety in Northern Ireland (DHSSPSNI)

P6 - Foreword.

The last sentence should read 'Examples would include medicines management, supplementary and independent prescribing and electronic transfer of prescriptions via computer links between the doctor's surgery and the pharmacy.'

Section 1 – What are PMRs?

P17 - Repeat medication - From April 2008, a Repeat Dispensing service became available from all GP practices and Community Pharmacies in Northern Ireland. Further information is available online at www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/pas-repeat_dispensing_2

Emergency supplies - Ethics and Practice - a Guide for pharmacists in Northern Ireland 2008 has now been published.

P21 - Exercise 5 - The website address to access these guidelines has changed to www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/niguide_substitute_treatment.pdf (the guidelines themselves have not changed).

Section 2 – The wider perspective

P28 - Exercise 7 - the website address has changed to www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_4109256

P31/32 - GMS contract. In the 2008/9 Quality and Outcomes Framework (QOF), 'Med 5' is now 'Medicines 11' and 'Med 9' is now 'Medicines 12'. In Northern Ireland the value per QOF point is £122. Further information on current and future QOF arrangements (including information needed for exercise 8) is available online at www.bma.org.uk/ap.nsf/Content/Hubqualityandoutcomes

P41 - Information about the Integrated Medicines Management (IMM) service is available online at www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/pas-integrated_medicines_management

P42/43 - Medicines Taking Assessment Service Pilot. This has now concluded.

P43/44 - Repeat Dispensing - From April 2008, the Repeat Dispensing service became available from all GP practices and Community Pharmacies in Northern Ireland.

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Exercise 10 - Guidance can now be accessed online at www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/repeat_dispensing_guidance_2008.pdf

P47 - Legislation changed in 2006 to enable independent pharmacy prescribing in addition to supplementary prescribing. Independent prescribers are responsible for the assessment of patients with undiagnosed or diagnosed conditions, and for decisions about the clinical management required and drawing up a treatment plan. The independent prescriber also has the authority to prescribe the medicines required as part of the plan.

P49 - Guideline development - NICE guidance is now implemented by the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety in Northern Ireland (DHSSPSNI). CREST and RMAG have now combined to form a single entity known as the Guidelines and Audit Implementation Network (GAIN) www.gain-ni.org

P50 - Specialist medicines - The red/amber list can now be found at <http://www.ipnsm.hscni.net>
Exercise 13 - Methotrexate shared care guidelines are available online at www.ipnsm.hscni.net/library/OralMethotrexateOct08.pdf

P54 - Working with Local Health and Social Care Groups - Local Health and Social Care Groups (LHSCGs) ceased operating on 30th September 2006 as part of the implementation of the Review of Public Administration (RPA).

Section 4 – Legal framework

P79 - Louise Canning is now the contact for EHSSB (FOI@ehssb.n-i.nhs.uk)

P80 - Exceptions to the confidentiality principle. These exceptions can now be accessed online at www.gmc-uk.org/guidance/current/library/confidentiality.asp#Disclosing%20information%20about%20patients

Section 5 – Standards

P93 - Audit - Audit templates can now be accessed online at www.rpsgb.org.uk/registrationandsupport/audit/#audtemplates

Appendices

P117/118 - Appendix 5 - Suppliers of pharmacy computer hardware or software. Individual contact names are no longer current.

Amendments:

AAH Pharmaceuticals Ltd. linkenquiries@aah.co.uk www.aah.co.uk
Cegedim Rx. 08446 302002 sales@cegedimrx.co.uk www.cegedimrx.co.uk
Positive Solutions Ltd – contact by telephone only
Rx Systems Ltd 01923 851835

Deletions:

Enigma Health plc
System Solutions Ltd

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Additions:

Ascribe Park Systems

System: Park System PMR

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pharmaSys Ltd

System: pharmaSys

12 Hurlingham Business Park

Sullivan Road

London SW6 3DU

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Further reading

P121 - Ethics and Practice - a Guide for pharmacists in Northern Ireland 2008 (PSNI).

Useful websites

P124/5 - Amendments:

Consumer Protection Act 1987 www.berr.gov.uk/files/file22866.pdf

European Medicines Agency www.emea.europa.eu

Guidelines and Audit Implementation Network (GAIN) www.gain-ni.org replaces CREST and RMAG.

Integrated Medicines Management Service www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/pas-integrated_medicines_management

National Library for Health www.library.nhs.uk

New GMS Contract www.bma.org.uk/ap.nsf/Content/Hubqualityandoutcomes

Northern Ireland Guidelines on Repeat Dispensing www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/repeat_dispensing_guidance_2008.pdf

Pharmacy IT suppliers www.psn.org.uk/pages/pharmacyit.html

The Pharmaceutical Journal www.pjonline.com

The Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland www.psn.org.uk

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Useful contacts

P125 - Amendments:
Information Commissioner's Office 08456 306060

Information Commissioner for Northern Ireland
51 Adelaide Street
Belfast BT2 8FE
028 9026 9380

Exercise and Case Study Reviews

PA6 - Exercise 12 - The BNF for Children is another example of a national formulary. The regional Northern Ireland Wound Care Formulary replaces the local NHSSB Wound Formulary.

PA7/A8 - Exercise 19 - Ethics and Practice - a Guide for pharmacists in Northern Ireland 2008 replaces Ethics and Practice - a Guide for pharmacists in Northern Ireland 2004.

PA17 - Case Study 4 - The following sentence should be added to the end of the final bullet point:
'NB. Temazepam is a Schedule 3 Controlled Drug and is therefore unsuitable for inclusion in a repeat dispensing service.'

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