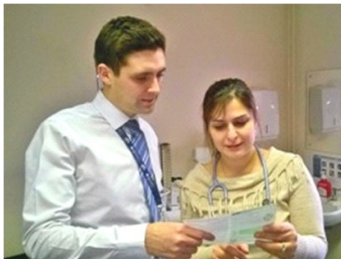


Practice-based Pharmacists

Integrated with GP Practices to help people with long term conditions manage their own health and medication, maintain independence and avoid unplanned admission to hospital



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Background

- The Welsh Government *Primary Care plan for Wales* has recognised that "no GP should routinely be undertaking any activity which could, just as appropriately be undertaken by a clinical Pharmacist
- Welsh Government **suggestions for investment** against the £6m allocated to Health Boards, included Pharmacists
- Pharmacists are responsible for **optimising the care of patients' medicines** within GP Practices, and supporting activities such as medicines reconciliation, drug monitoring and undertaking medications reviews

Project aims

- To **release GP capacity** and extend the Pharmacist role within a Primary Care setting
- **Opportunity** to train as an Independent Prescriber

What we did...

- **10 out of 12 NCNs** across Aneurin Bevan University Health Board participated
- **10.64 WTE** Practice-based Pharmacists recruited
- **1666** poly-pharmacy reviews undertaken

Project outcomes

- Pharmacists work closely with the NCN Lead and are considered to be members of the Practice team.
- **1842 hours** of GP time replaced by Pharmacists over three months, (equivalent 11,046 x 10 minute appointments)
- **75%** of poly-pharmacy reviews were face to face or phone category
- **768** prescription based queries.
- **530** Secondary care discharge summaries/communications were dealt with



Evaluation

- **£38,000** value to 31st March 2016, estimated full year effect £170,000
- Detailed feedback demonstrates a **wide range of clinical interventions** which have **optimised** treatment, **stopped** unnecessary prescribing, **reduced** side effects and **improved** patients' adherence
- Practice Pharmacist work is valued by patients and practices
- Pharmacists provide **additional value** to the medication reviews
- Practice Pharmacists have referred to and consulted other health care professionals