

Clinical Matters Special Edition July 2021

The 2021-22 Medicine Optimisation Workplan will commence in October 2021 due to SEL CCG realigning priorities to focus on COVID vaccination programme to allow national release on 19th July 2021. We wish to bring to your attention the following information that will assist you achieve this year's workplan.

1. Change to Prescribing Adviser Support

- The Greenwich Medicine Optimisation Team is committed in supporting PCNs and its practices. Therefore, as of 1st July 2021, Prescribing Advisers have been organised to align with each PCN. This is to ensure we work synergistically to meet the clinical and strategic pharmaceutical needs of PCNs. Your Prescribing Adviser will continue to support your practice and will be in contact in the next 2 months to introduce themselves and organise convenient times to meet with your PCN, to introduce the Medicines Optimisation Workplan, and to individual practices if needed.
- Please find below the Prescribing Adviser for each dedicated PCN, their working days and contact emails.

PCN	Prescribing Adviser	Working Day	Email
Blackheath & Charlton	Trang Dinh	Mon, Wed & Thu	trang.thuydinh@nhs.net
Eltham Health	Alex Pini	Mon – Fri	a.pini@nhs.net
Greenwich West	Maggie Li	Mon, Tue & Fri	maggie.li@nhs.net
Heritage	Tola Oliyide	Mon – Fri	ooliyide@nhs.net
Riverview	Ashika Patel Momotaz Mac	Mon & Wed Wed, Thu & Fri	ashikapatel@nhs.net momotaz.mac1@nhs.net
Unity	Tola Oliyide	Mon – Fri	ooliyide@nhs.net

- Please do not hesitate to contact the individual Prescribing Adviser for any further clarification or support on the matter, alternatively you can email us at GRECCG.Pharmacy@nhs.net or ring 020 3049 9000 and ask to speak to a member of the Medicines Optimisation Team.

2. Virtual Workshops

There are 2 virtual workshops that have been **included in the entry criteria** for Medicines Optimisation Workplan 2021-21.

a) **Electronic Repeat Dispensing (eRD) Workshops for GP Practice & Community Pharmacy Staff**

- eRD is a process that allows a patient to obtain repeated supplies of their medication or appliances without the need for the prescriber to sign authorised repeat prescriptions each time. NHS England recommends practices to increase the percentage of eRD prescriptions to reduce footfall.
- There are **4 workshops** that practices will need to attend for full information about eRD, how best to utilise and how to resolve some of the challenges and difficulties had or perceived. Each PCN has its own four workshops:
 - **Workshop 1:** Identifying patients and medication for eRD via EMIS, when to set up eRD, setting up multiple medications as eRD for a patient.
 - **Workshop 2:** Using the EPS tracker, cancelling eRD.
 - **Workshop 3 & 4:** Trouble shooting, questions and answers.

The dates and times and MS teams link are in the table below:

	Workshop No		1	2	3	4	
Day of Week	PCN	Time	Date				TEAMS Link
Wednesday	Blackheath & Charlton	11 -12 pm	14/07/2021	28/07/2021	11/08/2021	01/09/2021	Click here to join the meeting
	Eltham	1 – 2 pm	14/07/2021	28/07/2021	11/08/2021	01/09/2021*	Click here to join the meeting
	Greenwich West	3 – 4 pm	14/07/2021	28/07/2021	11/08/2021	01/09/2021	Click here to join the meeting
Friday	Heritage	11 -12 pm	16/07/2021	30/07/2021	13/08/2021	03/09/2021	Click here to join the meeting
	Riverview Health	1 – 2 pm	16/07/2021	30/07/2021	13/08/2021	03/09/2021	Click here to join the meeting
	Unity	3 – 4 pm	16/07/2021	30/07/2021	13/08/2021	03/09/2021	Click here to join the meeting

* Note this one session for Eltham PCN on Wed 01/09/2021 is from 1.30 pm to 2.30 pm

Action for practice:

1. Practice will need to send representation to **all 4 virtual workshops** as per PCN dates.
2. PCN is encouraged to allow practice administration team/prescribing clerk/PCN pharmacy technician to attend 4 workshops.

b) Switching from ScriptSwitch® to OptimiseRx®

- [OptimiseRx®](#) will be replacing ScriptSwitch® as the clinical decision support solution for SEL CCG which integrates with GP systems to deliver patient-specific messages at the point of care that ensures appropriate, cost-effective prescriptions.
- Content is taken from local policy and guidance plus a wealth of nationally recognised, evidence based sources. Messages are tailored to the medical record and takes into consideration current and previous medications, morbidities, observations and measurements to support prescribers to make the safest, most clinically appropriate prescribing decision.
- OptimiseRx® is compatible with EMIS Web and as Greenwich practices are migrating to EMIS, we will have a phased mobilisation to switch over to OptimiseRx®. Practices will need to attend a virtual workshop in order to understand how best to use the new support tool and transition safely.

Action for practice:

1. At least one clinician from each practice to attend **one out of the four** virtual TEAMS sessions - other practice staff are also welcome to attend.
2. Agreement with practice to start OptimiseRx® and switch off ScriptSwitch®

Day of Week	Time	Date	TEAMS Link
Friday	1-2pm	06/08/2021	Click here to join the meeting
Wednesday	12-1pm	25/08/2021	Click here to join the meeting
Wednesday	12-1pm	08/09/2021	Click here to join the meeting
Thursday	1-2pm	23/09/2021	Click here to join the meeting