

# An Audit Of Independent Prescribing Activity

as part of a GP Pharmacy Transformation pilot in Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire

## Introduction

- NHS England sponsored
- Community Pharmacist Independent Prescribers (CPIP)
- Seconded (part-time) into General Practices
- Support GPs and Nurses in delivery of primary care
- Providing patient facing clinical services



## Method

- Data collected by CPIPs in 6 GP Surgeries
- Data collated into MS Excel spreadsheet
- Internal audit and analysis
- No ethical approval required
- Patient experience monitored

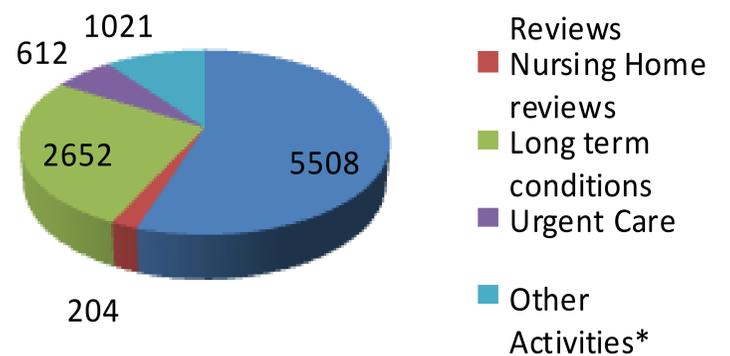


## Results

- Improved access to Primary Care
- 10,201 Consultations (Oct 15- Dec 16)
- 100% Patient satisfaction
- 100% Patients report improved understanding of medications
- 54% of medication reviews resulted in medication changes
- 8% Reduction in secondary care admissions
- Improvements in quality and safety
- Over 2,200 hours of GP time released



### Reason for Consultation



\* Includes Secondary care discharge letters; medicines, travel, smoking advice; prescription switches

## Patient Comments

- “Very good. It should be done for everyone as it points you in the right direction.”
- “This is the first time I have been able to properly discuss my medications with an expert”.
- “I have not always been able to understand all of the information I have been given before about my health.”
- “She is lovely, fantastic, I learnt all about my tablets which I didn't know before.”



## Discussion

- CPIPs can deliver services to patients in General Practice
- CPIPs help to improve access and add capacity in Primary Care
- CPIPs are cost effective and add value to Primary Care, for every £1 spent equates to £2 saved
- Patient experience of Pharmacist interaction is very positive
- Local pilot successes provide positive learning for national implementation
- GP time is released to enable them to manage patients with complex conditions more effectively
- Participating practices now committed to having Independent Pharmacist Prescribers as part of the practice team
- Practices accept and welcome benefits of having the expertise of a Pharmacist in their teams



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