

Medicines Optimisation intervention brief

Medicines Optimisation Incentive Scheme 2019/20 Cost saving intervention

TITLE?
CS2.3.3 Reduce avoidable medicines waste in care homes
WHAT?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A simple audit to identify some of the issues that contribute to medicines waste in the care home, followed by an action plan to help the care home reduce avoidable medication waste • A re-audit 2-3 months later to show a reduction in avoidable medication waste • Results will be shared with future NHS https://future.nhs.uk/connect.ti/PharmacyIntegration/view?objectId=14796112
WHY?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is estimated that £30million of medicines from care homes are destroyed annually, with up to half of this being preventable • Many care home pharmacy teams have successfully reduced medicines waste using a quality improvement approach.
WHO?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any two care homes in each locality in west Hampshire.
TIPS?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further tips and information can be obtained from west Hampshire care home guidance reducing medicine waste and the common misconceptions and causes of waste in care homes guide.
HOW?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake a baseline audit of waste in a care home setting by looking at a specific month in the disposal record book at the care home, or by looking at the medication awaiting disposal • From this data, establish how much out of the total cost of medications are avoidable (the reasons for disposal should be stated in the disposal book) • Establish an action plan with the care home to reduce avoidable waste • Conduct a second audit in 2-3 months to highlight if a reduction in the amount of avoidable waste has been achieved. Refer to the care home audit document for more information.
SO WHAT?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Release potential savings of £150,000 per annum in west Hampshire (based on the national figure of £15million).
FURTHER INFORMATION
1. https://westhampshireccg.nhs.uk/download.cfm?doc=docm93jjjm4n5634.pdf&ver=10874

