

A Centralised Information and Guidance Resource for Management of Medicines in Care Homes

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Aims

- To develop a useful and accessible centralised suite of guidance tools
- To develop an agreed process for development, approval and review of medicines related guidance for care homes
- To engage with stakeholders in the process
- To disseminate access to this resource through care homes, GPs and other healthcare professionals

- **Where are we now?**
- 73 documents identified initially (increasing as new documents are identified)
- First wave of approved documents published on Website
- National guidance documents relating to care homes accessible via the website
- Second wave of documents to be published by end of April 2015

Who will this be useful for?

Customers;

- CCGs – safeguarding leads
- GPs/practices
- Care Homes
- Community pharmacy

Internal to NECS;

- Medicines Optimisation team across NECS
- Medicines reviews in care homes

Guidance Topics;

- Medicine systems (ordering, receipt, storage, discharge, leave, disposal)
- Medicines Administration Record (MAR) charts
- Audit within the care home
- Self-administration of medicine
- Covert administration

The image shows several NHS forms related to medication management in care homes. On the left is a 'Medication Administration Record (MAR) Chart' with columns for Date, Current, Temp, Max, Checked by, and Remarks. Below it is a 'Medication Received Tracker Sheet' with columns for Medication, Strength, Route, Date, Received by, and Received at. On the right is a 'Medicines Administration Record (MAR) Chart' with columns for Medication, Dose, Frequency, and Remarks. At the bottom, there is a 'Medication Received Tracker Sheet' with columns for Medication, Strength, Route, Date, Received by, and Received at.

The image shows two NHS forms related to medication reconciliation. The top form is 'Medication Reconciliation: Hospital Admission' and the bottom form is 'Medication Reconciliation: Discharge'. Both forms have sections for 'Patient Information', 'Medication Information', and 'Background'. The 'Medication Information' section includes a table for 'Medication' with columns for Name, Strength, Frequency, and Route. The 'Background' section includes a list of 'Medication' with columns for Name, Strength, Frequency, and Route.

Access this information via the medicines optimisation website;

<http://medicines.necsu.nhs.uk/>

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