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Appliances	Appliance formulary development guidance	Update to current resources				
Asthma	Asthma	Update to the asthma resources to incorporate updated NICE/ BTS/SIGN guidance				
Cardiovascular disease	Implementing the lipid pathway	Guidance, tools, clinical system searches, audits on implementing the NHS/Accelerated access collaborative lipid pathway.				
Data	Cost comparison charts across different therapeutic areas	Cost comparison charts for different drug groups available as a single set of charts.				
Diabetes	Diabetes	Update to the type 2 diabetes bulletin to incorporate updated NICE guidance on SGLT2 inhibitors and their place in therapy.				
Diabetes	CGM and insulin pump formulary and commissioning guidance	<p>Information on different CGM devices, pros and cons, cost considerations. There are a wide variety of continuous subcutaneous insulin infusion (CSII or Insulin Pumps) and Continuous Glucose Monitors (CGM) on the market. There are clear regional guidelines on the criteria for initiation, exclusion and discontinuation of CSII and CGM. However, there are an ever growing number of both CSII and CGM. This resource could help direct which device is most suitable, for which cohorts of patients and which are the most cost effective. This can support prioritisation to help reduce the variability between patients and control budgets.</p> <p>Please note: Costs will be tricky to work out as they are volume based in many cases. Freestyle libre will also need to be included as an alternative to CGM.</p>				

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General	Medicines in schools	Update to current resources				
General	Self care: Guide to over the counter items	Update to current resources				
General	System wide QIPP/ efficiency planning/ making the case for invest to save in medicines optimisation	<p>Standardised template to demonstrate the case for invest to save medicines optimisation, e.g. for SGLT2s. Similar to NICE costing templates but specifying NNTs for outcomes so that there is a national standardised way of demonstrating patient outcomes. Could include: - A tool on Tableau for different medicines that could be selected and then put into a business case template. - A planning template to support development of a system wide efficiency plan.</p> <p>Identification of key areas/themes to consider and whether they are 'cost out', i.e. reduction in medicines spend, invest to save, e.g. medicines optimisation in AF, improve patient outcomes therefore reduce hospital admissions, e.g. SGLT2s. This could be used to help avoid some of the short-term approaches to saving money on medicines that we often see. Also supporting the idea that savings made on medicines could be ring-fenced and re-invested into other services in the same clinical area, e.g. reduced opioid spend being redeployed into non-pharmacological support. This resource will be added to our budget planning tool which already includes an element of QIPP savings.</p>				
General	Meeting the needs of the PCN DES	<p>To include support tools such as searches, protocols, referral pathways (internal and external). Resource split into the prescribing/medicines indicators in QOF, the DES/SMR and the IIF. A resource that lists all the indicators (this would need to be updated annually) that will be cross referenced to existing resources, e.g the inhaler carbon footprint etc.</p> <p>Webinar for PCN and practice staff on how to use the resources.</p>				

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General	Digital and technology solutions	Scope or signpost to organisations that scope digital and technology solutions that may support medicines management: diagnostics, monitoring, education, shared decision making, concordance. Quantify investment and long term benefits. Include a series of webinars from providers of the technology so subscribers can hear more about them (e.g. ORCHA review and score health apps, many of which can support medicines optimisation). Link in with AHSNs who are currently also working in this area to evaluate apps and new technology.				
General	Drugs of low clinical value	Practical guidance to reduce prescribing of drugs of low clinical value phases 1,2 and 3				
General	Preparing GP practices for a regulatory inspection.	Preparing practices for CQC visits (or other care inspectorate for devolved nations). What the care inspectorates look for, searches to support identifying issues, recent MHRA/medicines safety alerts and guidance to support implementation.				
General	Empowering patients management of their repeat prescription	Patient resources for understanding why they should be managing their own medicines if they are able to. Ideas/webinars to help change behaviour and encourage empowerment.				
Mental Health	Antidepressants	Update - to include updated NICE guidance on depression in adults: treatment and management when this is published.				
Obesity	Bariatric surgery	Update current bulletin and include self care with vitamins. Drug absorption that may be affected by bariatric surgery.				
Pain	Reducing opioid prescribing in chronic pain	Update to current resources				

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Pain	Prescribing of combination analgesics	Realistic medicines approach to the initiation of combination analgesics, e.g. co-codamol and controlled prescribing to ensure not prescribed for longer than initial indication. Factors to consider when initiation co-codamol prescribing. Patient information to ensure patients are fully informed of the addictive potential of these medicines. The benefits vs harms of combination analgesics. Most of these are listed as less suitable for prescribing in the BNF. Evidence to support not initiating analgesics for pain in line with NICE guidance. Incorporate guidance on co-proxamol				
Polypharmacy and deprescribing	Documenting outcomes from medication review	Signpost to resources/evidence/tools available to demonstrate/quantify/cost patient outcomes after medication review. Evaluate these tools and highlight pros and cons for each of these tools. Compare tools based on whether they evidence value beyond reduction in medication, i.e. hospital admissions. To include a Patient Outcomes Template similar to NICE costing template, where users can add in local information re. number and type of med reviews. Template can calculate patient outcomes/benefits/costs. It needs to be quick and easy to complete, demonstrate benefit in quality, safety, cost-effectiveness and risk.				
Polypharmacy and deprescribing	Pathways of clinical guidance	Pathways covering how to do a medication review in patients with multi morbidity. As evidence is lacking in this area, this will be a practical guidance resource. Briefing to include key messages for education and implementation				
Polypharmacy and deprescribing	Treatment breaks	Developing a prescribing guideline on reviewing drug treatments with the aim of having a treatment break/drug holiday. Could be incorporated into the IMPACT tool. Include links to existing PrescQIPP resources which discuss treatment breaks, e.g. bisphosphonates for osteoporosis, ADHD meds.				

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Polypharmacy and deprescribing	Good prescribing	Develop a bulletin to support the <a href="#">ensuring appropriate polypharmacy flowchart</a> . To cover how to start, monitor and stop a prescription, how to recognise side effects and thinking about differentiating them from new symptoms from other conditions, when to ask for skilled advice. To include objective criteria where this is available although a lot of this will be around using clinical judgement and trying to stop or reduce medicines to see if 'side effects' improve. It will consider where personalised care fits in.				
Sleep	Melatonin	Advice on drug holidays, use of licensed liquid preparation. Will include some specific guidance on deprescribing melatonin.				
Specials	Repatriation of specials	Update to current resources				
Vaccines	Travel vaccines	Update to current resources				
Skills training	Information Mastery	Webinar on information mastery for those working in clinical practice	Reserve			
General	Resources to support community pharmacy transition to ICS	Support for Community Pharmacy quality scheme, advanced services, IT, Pharmaoutcomes data, help to transition to ICS, signpost to National Patient Group Directions where available.	Reserve			