

Session 1c – Reducing inappropriate prescribing of anti-psychotics

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Key issues

- Issues and suggestions to reduce inappropriate prescribing
- Review patients on the Dementia register.
- Does the place of residence have an impact on use of antipsychotics?
- Consider other options other than antipsychotics – pain relief, benzodiazepines
- Offer of realistic supported alternatives.
- Re-education of staff and families.
- Use of the Quality Outcomes Framework - QOF
- Consider them not being on repeat prescriptions.
- Information for patients and carers regarding the need/ rationale for review.
- How should primary care manage the 'Call to Action'?
- Joined up process – standardisation.
- Understanding of the Mental Capacity Act
- Long term monitoring of the prescriptions – unclear on who to do this?
- Complete a baseline audit of care home prescriptions

Summary

- Education for all on prescribing
- Bolt something on to QOF (what is already incentivised)
- Consider further services to monitor (not yet costed/ ? further enhancement)
- Viable psychosocial alternatives.