Prescribing Governance and Accountability

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Scope of Presentation

• using the prescribing competency dimensions for prescribing governance in practice
• using the framework as part of the NMC revalidation process
• governance of non medical prescribing roles
• electronic prescribing systems and prescribing competence
• demonstrating prescribing governance
• case studies and examples in practice, and the impact on patient care
The Framework

**Prescribing Governance**

The Consultation

Patient

- Competencies 1-6
- Competencies 7-10

**The Consultation**

1. Assess the patient
2. Consider the options
3. Reach a shared decision
4. Prescribe
5. Provide information
6. Monitor and review

**Prescribing Governance**

7. Prescribe safely
8. Prescribe professionally
9. Improve prescribing practice
10. Prescribe as part of a team
Revalidation

• The single competency framework can easily be used as an appraisal tool and to highlight areas for CPD
• Can be a self assessment process for individuals
• NMC requirement for CPD and practice related reflection
• Approach the framework one competency at a time
• Spend some time thinking about how the statements apply to your individual prescribing context
Competence & Governance

– ‘Clinical governance’ describes the structures, processes and culture needed to ensure that healthcare organisations - and all individuals within them - can assure the quality of the care they provide and are continuously seeking to improve it.

– UK Government definition 2011
Key Areas

Clinical Governance Framework

- Accountability
  - Risk Management
  - Clinical Governance
  - Clinical Audit
  - Clinical Effectiveness
  - Complaint and Complement
  - Service User and Staff Experience
  - Compliance and Standards

- Stakeholder Involvement
- System and Process
- CPD

- Transparency

- Learning and Sharing
- Improving Quality of Care
- Excellent Outcome

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- Section 2 (dimensions 7, 8, 9 and 10) of the competency framework
  - Prescribe Safely
  - Prescribe Professionally
  - Improve Prescribing Practice
  - Prescribe as part of a team
NMP Roles

• Many areas, diverse backgrounds, different professions, different organisations, primary and secondary care etc., etc., etc.
• Governance should be institutionally agreed and managed
Governance of Roles

• Prescribe Safely
  – What is safe?
  – How is it managed?
  – What aspect of governance?

• Prescribe Professionally
  – What is professional?
  – How is it managed?
  – What aspect of governance?
Governance of Roles

- Improve Prescribing Practice
  - How do we improve?
  - How is it managed?
  - What aspect of governance?

- Prescribe as Part of a Team
  - Who is your team?
  - How is it managed?
  - What aspect of governance?
Electronic Prescribing

• Not universal
• In pilot form in many areas
• Governance needs to be in place regarding access and security
• Competencies in prescribing similar to paper prescriptions
Case Study

• A patient presents at a pharmacy with a prescription for their 2 year old child. The prescription is for 4-6ml of Nystatin 4 times per day for 7 days. The pharmacist raises a critical incident as the normal dose is 1ml not 4-6! They tell the patient that this is an overdose and the patient complains.

• What if this had happened last year?
Case Study

• Aspects of Competence
  – Prescribe Safely
  – Prescribe Professionally
  – Improve Prescribing Practice
  – Prescribe as part of a team

• Aspects of Governance
  – Complaints and Compliments
  – Clinical Effectiveness
  – Risk Management
  – CPD
Case Study
Summary

• Governance is an important aspect of prescribing practice
• Competencies surrounding governance just as important as those around the consultation
• Processes should be in place to monitor prescribing as with any other aspect of clinical practice
• The single competency framework can be utilized as part of revalidation and ongoing governance
References

- RPSGB Single Competency Framework 2016

Suggested Reading

- NPC/NICE site- [http://www.nice.org.uk/mpc/](http://www.nice.org.uk/mpc/)
- Professional Regulatory Body Websites