



## Community Pharmacy Patient Safety Group meeting

Date	24 April 2021
Venue	Zoom Meeting
Chair	Janice Perkins
Time	1.30pm – 4.15pm

### Workings of the Patient Safety Group

An update was provided with regards to the process and timeframe for updating the Terms of Reference and selecting a new chair and vice chair of the Group.

### Patient Safety Group incident data

A summary of findings from the annual incident collection exercise were shared with members. It was agreed the data should be used internally to challenge assumptions and prioritise high impact safety areas. Further actions will be agreed in due course.

### Culture Survey

It was agreed that a repeat of the Culture Survey (to consider barriers and enabler to reporting), which was last [carried out in 2019](#), would be valuable. This will be discussed at the next meeting in May.

### Covid discussion

An issue regarding a complaint (on the grounds of discrimination/equality) was raised about the suspension of key safe deliveries (which was put in place to protect staff and patients from covid).

- One member shared they are acting in line with government guidance and will not enter properties until the government updates their guidance.
- Another member reported they never fully suspended key safe deliveries and continued to enter homes (on very rare occasions) with strict guidance on PPE etc. where other possibilities (e.g., delivering meds to a family member) was not possible.

### Sodium Valproate

An update was provided about recent developments in relation to Sodium Valproate.

- [A valproate registry](#) has been published. It connects multiple data sources and provides data on women/girls prescribed SV and conceptions whilst on SV.
- [A review](#) of antiepileptic drugs and safety during pregnancy has been published.
- NHS E/I will write to women and girls taking sodium valproate to highlight risks. [Now completed, [details here](#)]

### Controlled Dugs / Stewardship

#### CDAO/Superintendent meeting

An update was provided from the CDAO/Superintendent meeting on April 16<sup>th</sup>. The Patient Safety Group will draft a blog to highlight learnings from CPCS with regards to CDs

#### Stakeholder engagement

Keith Ridge and Richard Cattell will attend the PSG meeting in May to discuss what community pharmacy can do to support patients experiencing withdrawal and dependence.

#### Scottish Government consultation on withdrawal and dependence

The Group agreed to respond to the Scottish Government consultation on withdrawal and dependence.

### Patient Safety Group conference

Members discussed the PSG conference. Invitations will be shared shortly.

### Emollients

[An editorial](#) in Guidelines in Pharmacy, highlighting risks of emollients, on behalf of the Patient Safety Group.



### Methadone instalments

A blog has been published [in C+D](#) with regards to a prevention of future death notice, following a sad case relating to methadone and instalments.

### Emergency steroid cards alert

All members reported that they have now communicated the alert.

### Monitored Dosage System incident

The Group discussed the safe delivery of MDS following an incident. The Group agreed to develop a resource to share learnings from the incident.

### Attendees

Alison Crompton	PCT Healthcare	José Moss	Boots
Binal Shah	Tesco	Leigh Taor-Yunusova	Superdrug
Claude Pereira	AIMP	Margaret Meehan	Boots
Chris Kenny	Lincolnshire Co-op	Martin Sadr-Kazemi	Rowlands
Elaine Aldham	Dudley Taylor	Nicola Goodberry	Weldricks
Elaine Hand-Griffiths	Well	Nisha Mistry	NPA
Emily James	CPPSG /CCA	Peter Fulford	Morrisons
Jackie Giltrow	Paydens	Peter Glover	Day Lewis
Jacque Lee	Numark	Trevor Povey	Asda
Janice Perkins	Well	Phil Day	P2U
Jasmine Shah	NPA	Victoria Steele	LloydsPharmacy