

# **Care About Medicine**

Providing Domiciliary Care Staff with information, support & guidance on managing medicines safely & effectively

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**Competency Assessments** 

Free Medicines Training

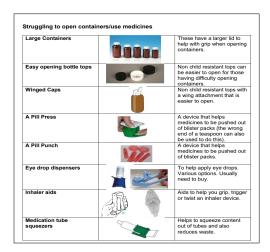
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#### Maintaining Independence - Self-administration

Is someone you care for struggling to remember to take their medicines or having difficulty getting their medicines out of the packet but still wanting to take their medicines independently?

If so, there are many aids and possible solutions to these problems that can help service users stay independent with their medications for as long as possible. We have produced an information sheet on what support is out there. This can be accessed <u>here</u>. Further information and advice can also be obtained by speaking to your local pharmacy.



#### Reminder

#### Variable Dose Medication

When a service user is on a medication with a variable dose (i.e. Take one or two) it is important that the care worker records on the MAR the actual quantity administered to the service user i.e. 1 or 2. This is important as the prescriber may need to know what dose the service user has been having when reviewing their medicines.

#### **Disposal of Medication**

All medication prescribed for the service user is their property and must never be removed by a care worker from the service user's home without written consent.

Medication no longer required or expired should be returned to a community pharmacist. This should, wherever possible, remain the responsibility of the service user and/or their family. It may be necessary for a care worker to dispose of a service user's medication if they are unable to undertake this task.

The care worker must obtain written consent from the service user and sought approval from their line manager prior to returning medication.

Details of the medication returned should be recorded and where possible signed by the pharmacist upon receipt. This record should be kept with the care plan. It is best practice that the care worker records details of medication returned on the MAR chart.

ISENT TO RETURN UNWANTED OR I THE PHARMACY/DISPENS	
I (name of person)	agree that the following medicines car
be removed from my home and returned to a local	
disposal by	ne of care staff)
Name, strength and form of medicine	Quantity
Signed	Date
Care worker	Date
Manager	Date
FOR PHARMACY/DISPENSING GP USE ONLY	
۱ د	onfirm that the above medicines have
been returned to *	for safe disposal.
Signed	
Date	

#### **Competency Assessments**

It is important that when you sign off a care worker as competent to undertake the administration of medicines you are confident that they will be able to administer all aspects of administration i.e. tablets, liquids, eye drops, creams etc.

Wherever possible as many areas of the competency should be demonstrated by the care worker and observed by the assessor. However, it is recognised that not all situations/scenarios will be possible during each observation. Where this is the case it is recommended that the assessor either simulate the

task to be observed or have a detailed discussion to evidence the worker's competency. This should also be documented on the competency assessment paperwork.

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provide information on	any	ve witnessed being admir detailed discussions or si tnessed in the 'any other l	mul	ations	
Medicine form	✓	Medicine form	✓	Medicine form	✓
Tablets/capsules		Liquids		Sachets/powders	
Inhaler devices		Eye drops		Eye ointment	
Ear drops		Nose drops		Nasal sprays	
Creams/ointments		Transdermal patches			

## Free Medicines Training - Managing medicines for adults receiving social care in the community

This accredited course is in 2 parts. Course 1 focusses on medicine related processes which needs to be considered in relation to medicines use and course 2 covers the practical issues relating to administration.

PrescQIPP	
elearning	What is covered?
	NICE guideline 67
	Person centred medicines assessment
	Sharing information and record keeping
	Managing concerns, incidents and safeguarding's
	<ul> <li>Ordering and supplying medicines</li> </ul>
Managing medicines for	<ul> <li>Transporting, storing and disposing of medicines</li> </ul>
adults receiving social	<ul> <li>Covert administration</li> </ul>
care in the community Course 1	
	Supporting people to take their medicines
	• Administration of solid oral dose forms, liquid medicines, inhalers, eyedrops,
	transdermal patches and topical products
	How to access the course
	• If you do not already have an account, register on the PrescQIPP e-learning
Managing medicines for	platform. Please select the correct local organisation when registering as this
adults receiving social	will ensure you're provided with the correct access.
care in the community Course 2	Log into the PrescQIPP e-learning platform.
Course 2	<ul> <li>Find the course and select 'Access course'.</li> </ul>
	https://www.prescqipp.info/learning/prescqipp-e-learning/
	https://www.prescqipp.into/learning/prescqipp-e-learning/
Don't forget we a	are here to help. If you need any support or guidance on the
	medicines within your service please get in touch (details below).

### Our **'medication guidance for home based care & support providers'** is also available here.



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