



Engagement in the overprescribing project

Engagement Assurance Committee

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RECAP: Overprescribing

National Overprescribing Review report September 2021 (NOR)



- The use of a medicine where there is a better non-medicine alternative or where the use is not best suited for the individual patient's circumstances and wishes
- Inequalities -More common with increasing age, certain ethnicities, higher deprivation, lower literacy and those taking many medicines (polypharmacy)
- The problem with overprescribing
 - 1 out of 10 prescriptions may not be necessary
 - Leads to adverse outcomes for patients, waste hospitalisation, health inequalities
 - A complex problem caused by weaknesses in our prescribing processes and cultures
- Requires the whole system, including the public to work together to tackle

SEL response to tackle overprescribing -Implementation plan

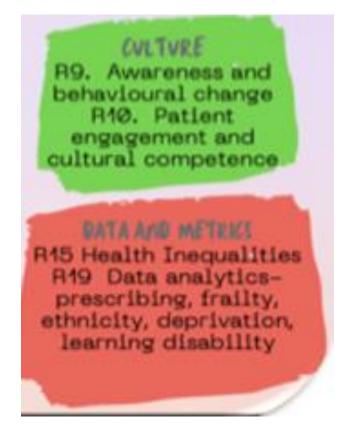
- Engage with patients and communities about how we jointly tackle overprescribing to implement NOR recommendations
- Patient engagement is a core workstream of the project implementation plan
- Patient centred care is running theme in other workstreams

Care that is respectful of, and responsive to, individual patient preferences, needs and values, and ensuring that patient values guide all clinical decisions

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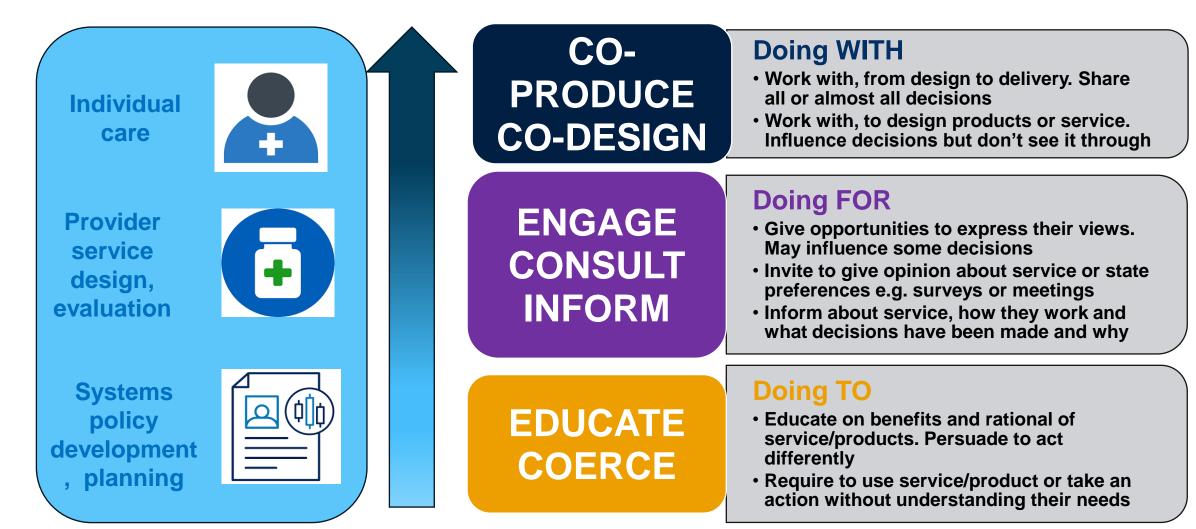
 Actively sought the VOICE of EXPERIENCE – people with lived experience of overprescribing (users, or affected by it) to give ground level context





Patient engagement approach

Encouragement of patients, carers and families to work with healthcare professionals, healthcare service providers, commissioners and policy makers to improve health and healthcare (NHSE 2016)



How we engaged with patients and communities



1. Engagement planning template

- To identify the aims and objectives in planning the engagement and involving the people
- We recognised that each group would be different so adopted various methods of engagement

2. Topic guide

 Outline, of key issues and areas of questioning used to guide a qualitative interview or group discussion

3. Let's Talk Health and Care website

<u>Tell us about your experience of taking many</u> <u>medicines | Let's Talk Health and Care South East</u> <u>London (letstalkhealthandcareselondon.org)</u>

4. Hosted 2 online webinars: July 2023

5. Hosted a patient survey & chat forum

6. Outreach Visits

(>200 participants)

- Contacted and worked collaboratively with various leads to identify specific groups / communities with higher risks of overprescribing
- SEL borough engagement leads, local community leads, voluntary groups
- Sessions facilitated maximum participation

- Southwark Carers
- Bromley Asian Cultural Association (BACA)
- Southwark Pensioners Centre
- Bengali Women's Group, Greenwich
- Lewisham Irish Community Centre (LICC)
- Diamond Club, Lewisham
- Ajoda West and East African Group, Greenwich
- SEL Ethnic Mental Health Carers Forum
- Ageing Well Festival, Lambeth
- Glebe Court Care Home,
 Lewisham

Feedback and learning from webinar





Tell us about your experience of taking many medicines and what is important to you right now

Home / Tell us about your experience of taking many medicines

Tell us about your experience of taking many medicines

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The NHS South East London Integrated Care System (SEL ICS) overprescribing team are keen to hear from people and communities across south east London to help us jointly address this issue. Overprescribing is when people, such as people with multiple long term conditions, are taking medicines to manage their conditions that are not necessarily helpful or are not addressing what matters to them about their health.

The SEL ICS overprescribing project wants to hear from you to better understand your views and experience of taking many medicines and what is important to you right now. We are keen to hear from carers as well as people

Webinars summary insights

Overprescribing project webinars summary key themes.pdf (470 KB) (pdf)

SEL ICS Overprescribing project presentation slides - 12 and 14 July 2023

📑 SEL ICS Overprescribing project

Patient Survey Context and Findings



- Survey hosted on the project page June -Nov 2023 (115 responses)
- 78 completed: 8 carers and 70 patients
- Age: 45-74 yrs (71%), 75⁺yrs (20%)
- Ethnicity: 74% white, 62% female
- Most people take medicines at night(1-3), and mornings (4-6)
- Common problems

 Long Term Conditions- 87%
 Physical disability 38%
 Mental health conditions 26%
 Hearing problem 18%

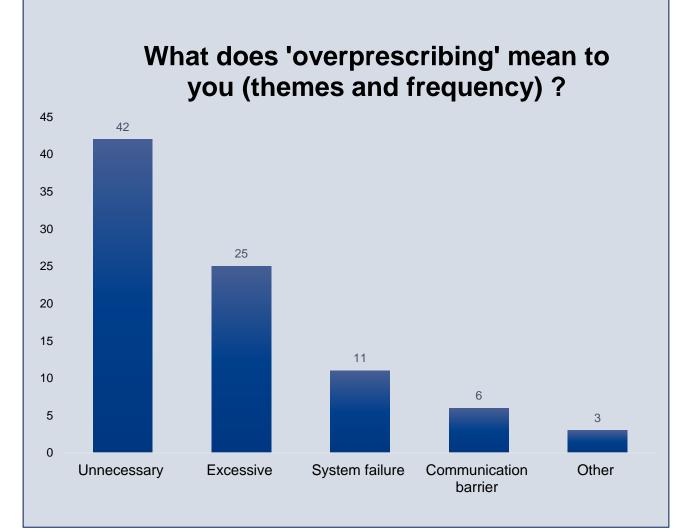
- 44% feel good about taking medicines vs
 54% not so good/concerned
- 85% understand why they take medicines
- 71% say their medicines are necessary
- 71% say medicines have +ve impact on life
- 55% have side effects
- 90% have heard of 'overprescribing'
- 74% were given information to make decision about medicines
- 55% have unused medicines at home

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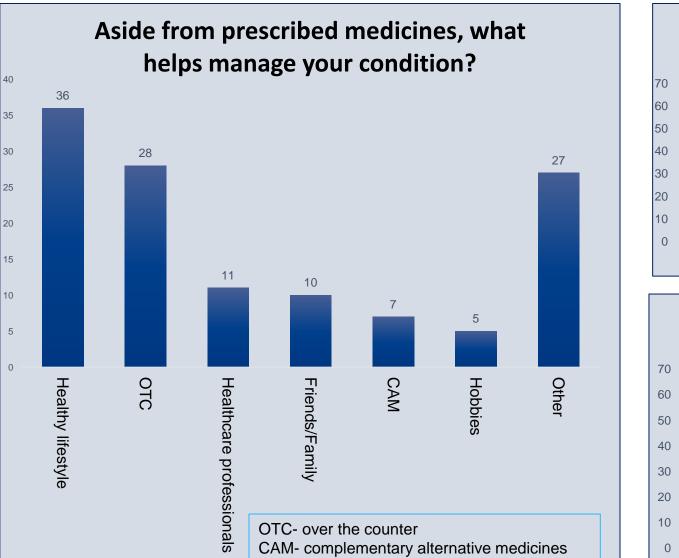
Most important to you

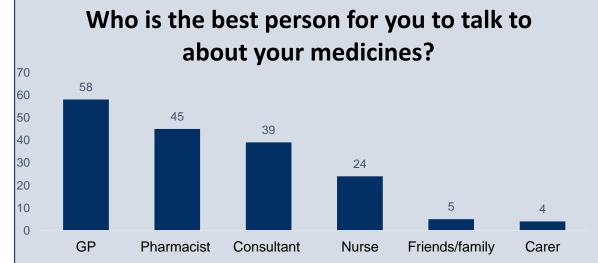
- No side effects
- Deals with issue/effective (pain relief)
- Makes life/function better
- Understand about medicines
- No interactions
- Get on time/adequate supply

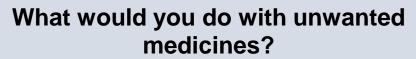


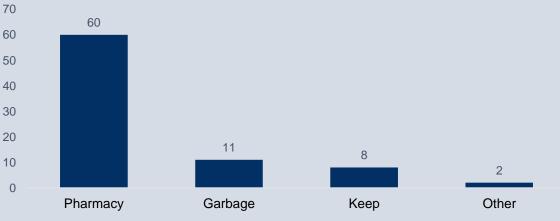
Patient Survey Context and Findings











Quotes from patient survey On what helps aside from medicines...



Specialist physiotherapy and exercise programme. Please don't underestimate social interaction and activity in managing any long-term condition. Social prescribing is good at non- medical advice. Not been able to access it but there's some treatment options including surgery and other clinical options that would likely help and reduce the need for as much medication. Also, non-clinical help would reduce the need, but I've experienced difficulty in obtaining the help needed. Holistic care including non- clinical practical help is needed for patients

I don't think I manage my conditions very well. In an ideal world I'd be able to speak to my consultant/s as and when I needed to and be able to ask questions, talk about how things feel and talk about my fears and concerns over my conditions as well as limitations and I'd have monthly appointments with my consultant and then a nurse to check in between. But I know how limited the NHS is at the moment so am aware that that sort of thing would be virtually impossible!

On side effects ...

- Quetiapine makes me walk unbalanced and unsteady
- Water tablets affect social life and cared for person often avoids taking when due to socialise due to incontinence risks. Socialising is essential for mental well-being, so this is a difficult situation to navigate
- Some lower my blood pressure, then others lower it further which cause me dizziness... then I get another medication to correct that
- The pain killers make me tired and stupid, so I do not take them when I am working or driving

On necessity of medicines...

Antidepressant is a need because my life abuses me. I get over one thing then the next hits before I can recover allergy tablets mean I can go out the house if I want to. pregabalin eases the anxiety but not the pain, ADHD meds mean I have a chance to do something productive quetiapine gives me sleep- I just wish there were less of them, when I need pain meds I struggle as I feel sick taking them all.

Outreach Visits Context and Findings

- >200 People (and carers) likely to experience health inequalities in overprescribing
- Generally positive about the visit and wanted us to come back
- Number of medicines: mostly 5-9 taken
- Age: mainly older people
- Ethnicity: diverse
- Common conditions: cardiovascular, pain, diabetes, depression
- Majority didn't know about 'overprescribing'
- Lack of clear information about medicines reviews

Impact of medicines & necessity

- Believe too many, would like to stop some if discussed with GP
- Feel they have no choice
- Recognise-they need medicines to manage symptoms/remain alive



Are you, or someone you care for taking many medicines?
How do you feel about taking

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• Can you share your experience with us?

medicines?

our contribution will help us learn more about your understanding and experience 'taking medicines, and to identify the support that you might need to improve our ervices so that you and others are prescribed only with the medicines that are eful to you. If you are unable to attend but would like to share your experience / woughts of taking many medicines, <u>please complete our survey</u> to share your uperience of taking many medicines. To take part you will need to live in Bexley, romley, Greenwich, Lambeth, Lewisham, Southwark. Link to survey: ttps://letstalkhealthandcareselondon.org/overprescribing

Please join us for an informal conversation about taking many medicines

Do you know that many people take medicines that might not always be of benefit to them?



Feedback and learning from outreach visits



Main issues (themes)

- Side effects
- People frequently adjust medicines to suit their needs
- Burden of medicines related tasks
- Language and literacy barriers
- Challenge using IT/remote consultations, prefer F2F
- Holistic, non-drug options not readily available
- Getting appt to discuss medicines (several reasons)
- Limited appt time to ask Qs/discuss medicines
- Continuity- same GP (trust is important)

Most important to you?

- Speaking to GP/getting appointment
- 'My' opinion heard
- No Side effects or negative Impact on lifestyle, healthy life, no admissions and 'keep me alive'
- Understanding medicines- WHY

What helps?

- Groups- peer support
- OTC, traditional and herbal remedies, supplements
- Exercise, sleep, meditation, diet, yoga

Feedback (Carers) and learning from outreach visits Londo

- Caring for people with disabilities, old, mental health, complex and multiple longterm conditions
- Keen to contribute/ be involved in overprescribing work
- Main issues (themes)
 - Burden of Medicines related tasks- ordering, collection, safe disposal
 - \odot Communication breakdown between clinicians
 - \odot Need advocates to help navigate system
 - \odot Families and carers not always involved/listened to
 - \odot Support needed for carers as they feel overwhelmed
 - Holistic, non-drug options needed
 - Language and literacy barriers
 - Use of herbal/traditional medicines 'rubbished'
 - \odot Lack of explanation about medicines to carers

Quotes from outreach visits

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Thank you so much for the information. The session was amazing, to see the women open up and talk so freely.... Look forward to more engagement like this" Community Engagement Lead, Greenwich I decided to stop taking the diabetes medication as causing my legs to become hot, I couldn't comprehend why this was happening. The medication wasn't working and accessing the GP was an issue. So, I take only when I feel my sugar levels are high. Member, Ajoda (Family history of diabetes and borderline, prescribed metformin 500mg morning & evening) "Speaking from personal experience for the person that I care for a lot of the time when they are in hospital, they do need a certain amount of medication, trying to reduce the symptoms and get them right. However, when the person is back at home there is a lot of responsibility and the tiredness that is induced in the medication. Not conducive to the lifestyle that we live, and then must be reviewed again i.e. not a lot of activity or energy when in hospital, end up sleeping in the ward". Carer, Ethnic Mental Health Forum, SEL

Can we teach GPs and pharmacists who prescribe medicines to listen to patients and what is important to them?" Older person, Lewisham Irish Community Centre

'Sometimes I feel better, but I am scared to say that to my doctor as they will stop the prescription and I will not be getting again if I need.' Participant, Bengali Women Group

Not knowing about your medicines is like playing Russian roulette, a total lottery regarding the patient's treatment" Pensioner, Southwark Blood pressure medicines made my ears boom, decided to reduce the dose. Member, Diamond club



One Lewisham resident's journey to improve her health by engaging in conversations with her GP during a structured medication review after the SEL Overprescribing outreach visit



You can watch the video clip on our let's talk page at <u>Tell us about your experience of taking many medicines | Let's Talk Health and Care South East</u> <u>London (letstalkhealthandcareselondon.org)</u>

Feedback from waste project public outreach project

Collaborations: SEL ICS, Lambeth Local Authority, Public Health Lambeth, Kings College London, Black Prince Trust (Lambeth) Oxleas Community Health Service (Bromley), Waldrons Health Centre (Lewisham), Amersham Vale Training Practice, Clifton Rise Practice, Hurley Group Practice (Lewisham) and New Cross Pharmacy (Lewisham)

- Pharmacist outreach to 14 community sites & housebound patients
- Gained insights to drivers of medicines waste, attitudes and behaviours towards safe disposal and sustainability
- Opportunity to identify and develop local solutions to reduce waste that are responsive to the specific needs of our communities
- Identified need for pharmacy services to serve people in their own communities (90 documented interventions)





Waste project. Feedback from the Health and Wellbeing Project Lead, Black Prince Trust (Lambeth) '.... we did find the sessions extremely useful, and they were very well received by those who visited. Conversations and understanding did result in community members returning meds to the pharmacies. It was helpful that you followed up and advised where people had been turned away. Going the extra mile and contacting those pharmacies for us and getting a far more positive response than we did massively helps us join the dots. Understanding the technicalities and the service that should be available allows us to help community members with how to approach the pharmacy and be more likely to review their meds and return safely.

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The most positive outcome for us though, is the number of people that came back and said how good it was to be listened to and be given explanations. The NHS is under immense strain, to have the luxury of offering an expert ear and their advice to our community is highly valued. Thank you. I think if we did this again, you have established a reputation of trust, care and explaining things in a comprehendible way.

The family with the child attending [hospital] are close to us, comprehending the treatment and drugs she is receiving is difficult for them, and I can't thank you enough for your engagement here. The mother spoke to one of your team on the phone at an earlier session, and [Pharmacist], you spoke with the aunt. The 7-year-old child is in her final days of life now, and the advice they received (not from you!) to go back to [hospital] with the drugs wasn't ideal, a train journey for them. Now that we understand, thanks to your team, the nature of the meds concerned, we've been able to engage with her care team and I believe one of the visiting doctors has collected.

We are also aware of the high risk of opioids being 'disposed of' around the estate, we're glad to have clear signposting for safe return/disposal '

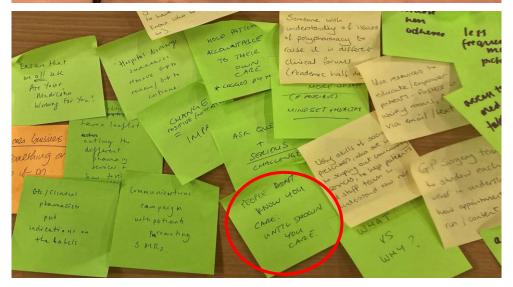
Community of Practice (polypharmacy) A collaboration with Health Innovation Network (HIN)

Co-created joint problem statement

"a patient centred approach ensures better use of medicines; we need to enable the system to work collaboratively in all aspects of medicines use and empower patients to remain at the centre of their care"

- 6 patients with lived experience have attended
- 4 priorities for future collaborative working and innovation
 - $\circ~$ better initiation of medicines
 - o continuity of care
 - patient-centred empowerment
 - improved communication between patients and clinicians





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Celebrating success: NHSE visit 19th Jan 2024

- Sir Stephen Powis (National Medical Director of NHS England) David Webb (Chief Pharmaceutical Officer for England, NHS England) and Tony Avery (National Clinical Director for Prescribing, NHS England) visited South East London ICB
- To share and promote good practice and highlight how pharmacy professionals working collaboratively in multidisciplinary teams and with patients have achieved improvements tackling overprescribing across the system.



- Response from Sir Stephen Powis (NMD, NHSE) <u>https://vimeo.com/905940517/32a4039b03?share=copy</u>
- Photo footage- highlights from Northwood Group practice <u>NWGP Overprescribing V2 (vimeo.com)</u>
- Photo footage- highlights from the Workshop at Tooley street <u>Tooley Street Overprescribing V1 (vimeo.com)</u>



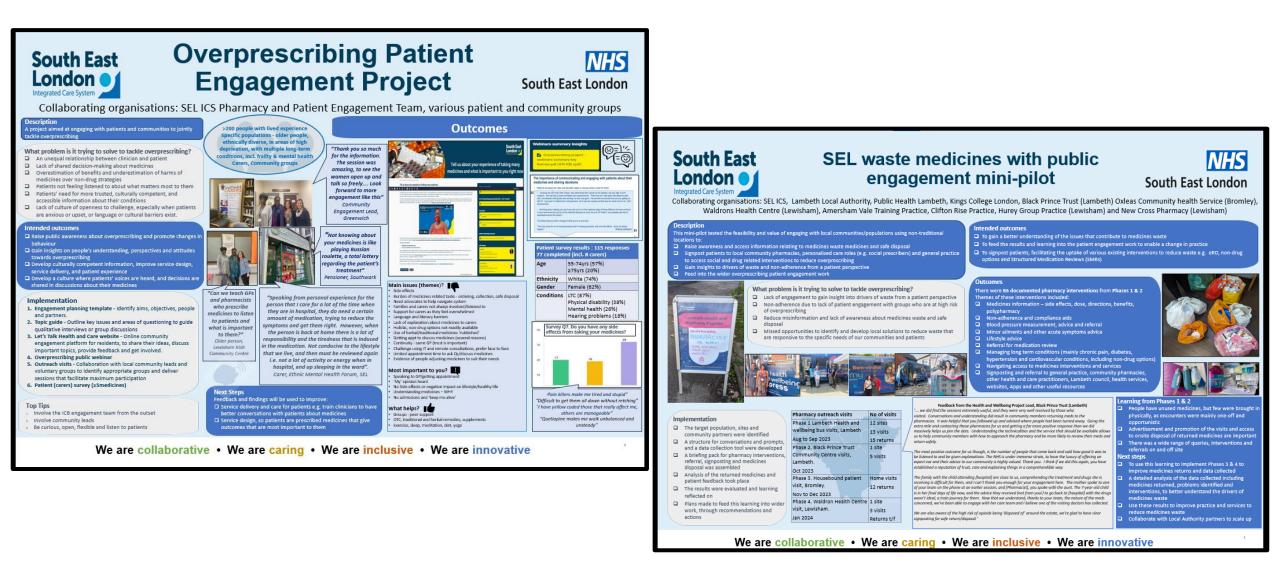
Celebrating Success : Highlights





Posters showcased on SEL Overprescribing Webpage Overprescribing - South East London ICS (selondonics.org)





How insights will inform the project



The feedback and findings from this engagement will be used to improve

- $_{\odot}\,$ how we care for patients e.g. inform how we train clinicians to have better conversations with patients about their medicines
- the services we provide so patients are prescribed medicines that give outcomes that are most important to them

Outreach visits completed	November 2023
Patient Survey closed	Early December 2023
Publish summary of insights on webpage	January 2024
Feedback to groups	January to February 2024
	Post March 2024
Feedback to EAC	March 2024
Patient engagement analysis with learning and recommendations published	March 2024
on the SEL webpage	Post March 2024

Overprescribing project plan post March 2024: START, STOP, CONTINUE



START What should we start doing?	STOP What should we stop doing?	CONTINUE What should we continue doing (focus at ICS)?	STOP@ICS CONTINUE @ place What should we continue doing? (adjust & focus on implementation/spread at place)
 Waste-Community pharmacy not to dispense project" (Comm pharmacy lead/sustainability fellow) Repeat Prescribing toolkit implementation -build on overprescribing work for clinical aspects, facilitate training for provide statt for feature i admin aspects (SEL education hub) Implementing change re feedback from patient engagement work incl digital solutions (comms team, patient engagement teams, training hub) Overprescribing implementation group its lead/ignificate promote various pieces of work in their organisations or circle of influence Dissemination of best practice website completion" and maintainance (comms and engagement team) 	 SDM patient survey- practices/PC Ns to take forward Current SEL Overprescribin g working group 	 Reducing opiates in chronic pain. (MSK program, HIN and Lambeth together) SMR- expanding in primary care (addressing inequalities) including SEL wide MOS indicator & training (KCL/HIN). Guidelines/pathways fit to tackle overprescribing- mulimorbidity, osteoporosis, depression (IMOC, Acute and MH Trust leads, geriatricians, Baraha) Antimicrobial standardship (Paul Wade, DS, SELPAS) Patient and community engagement and patient empowerment for SMR (CoP, community groups, HIN) Waste (community optime pathway and referrals Population health management Disseminate existing dashboard data to drive reduction in overprescribing health inequalities at place Incorporate and capture cost efficiencies in dashboard (Power BI, NHSBSA, LDA team) 	 Expand complex SMR with specialists support LD&A, frailty, chronic pain, care homes, depression, ??multimorbidity <75) CORE 20 PCN SMR work (led by CCPL overRx) Increase DMS referrals (community pharmacy, acute/MH/community Trusts) Ongoing training – dedicated training to reflect emerging practice/research to tackle overprescribing & incorporating overprescribing principles (SDM, patientcentred care) in other training involving medicines use (SEL training hub) ToC standards (acute, MH, community Trusts) SDM patient survey

Response from Sir Stephen Powis (National Medical Director NHS in England)





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Thank you for listening Reflections, Questions and Discussion