

Feedback on medicines strategy

To help you provide feedback on the Medicine's Strategic Delivery Plan we would be grateful if you could answer the following questions:

1. Do you agree with the priorities we have identified for the refreshed Strategic Delivery Plan for medicines?

- Yes
- No
- Partially

2. Which work (if any) would you consider a priority?

Ensuring that all medication use is evidence based or, where this is not possible, ensuring that a plan is in place to collate the necessary evidence.

3. Are there other areas or specific programmes of work we have not mentioned that you think we should include within the new Strategic Delivery Plan for medicines?

It is extremely disappointing to find no reference to a national standardised prescribing chart. This is despite the SPARS work led by this College to develop such a tool and which has involved representatives from HIS and a multi-disciplinary group of health care professionals. Implementation of this tool will bring major patient safety benefits but needs endorsement from national standards bodies and Scottish Government.

Other priorities include:

- Scotland is host to a number of major clinical trials and so facilitation of clinical research in the NHS in Scotland to answer important medication safety questions would be hugely beneficial eg streamlining the approval mechanisms required in each of 14 health boards.
- Facilitating access to research data for approved researchers would also support medication safety and efficacy

4. Any other comments?

It may proportionate to explain on page 3 that although medication errors are too frequent, only a small number result in significant harm to patients.

5. You do not have to include contact details but it might be helpful if we need to contact you for further information on any of the points you have made.

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THANK YOU for taking the time to complete this survey. To demonstrate how we have used the responses received we will provide feedback to everyone this consultation has been distributed to.