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Dear Colleague

It is acknowledged community pharmacists or pharmacy technicians are in an ideal position to support care homes with the proper and effective ordering of drugs and appliances, their safe storage, supply and administration, disposal and proper record keeping in line with national guidance.

The Right Medicines: Improving Care in Care Homes RPS Feb 2016 states evidence from many and various schemes shows that including a pharmacist in the team that is responsible for the care of residents reduces medication waste and emergency admission to hospital and most importantly improves quality of life.

NICE Managing Medicines in Care homes SC1 was published in March 2014. The purpose of this guideline is to provide recommendations for good practice on the systems and processes for managing medicines in care homes.

The CCG wish to invite expressions of interest from all community pharmacies to provide a locally commissioned service (virtually via Microsoft Teams or Telephone) in accordance with the attached service specification which has been discussed with the Local Pharmaceutical Committee. To support ongoing engagement, if a community pharmacist already dispenses medicines for a care home, and expresses an interest in undertaking this service, they will be given priority for that home, however we welcome expressions of interest from all community pharmacies.

If a community pharmacy who currently dispenses medicines for a home, does not express an interest, we will consider the nearest pharmacy in a direct line, who has expressed an interest.

We will allow a community pharmacy to cover multiple care homes.

Should you wish to be considered please complete and return the attached proforma to submit your interest to the CCG medicines optimisation team (capccg.prescribingpartnership@nhs.net), by 28 August 2020.

If you are not the decision maker for the business, please forward this information on to the owner or appropriate department.

Kind regards



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