

**Older people with long-term conditions draft scope
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1	General	<p>The Royal Pharmaceutical Society welcomes NICE Social Care Guidance for Older People with Long-Term Conditions. We recognise that management of long term conditions is a core business of the NHS and is set to be more so as the number of patients living with a long-term condition continues to rise.</p> <p>The recently published RPS <i>Now or Never: Shaping pharmacy for the future</i> report (http://www.rpharms.com/models-of-care/report.asp) recommends that “joint working needs to be built around a shared commitment towards improving ultimate outcomes for patients”.</p> <p>Pharmacy, as the third largest health profession, with universally available and accessible community service, has a central role to play in assuring the safe and consistent use of medicines and as a provider of wider care, in primary, social and acute care.</p>

	General	We agree with the proposals for the scope and look forward to viewing and commenting on the draft guidance.
2	4.3.2	We support the development of guidance for transition between hospital and community or care settings, although it is not within the scope of this guidance. We agree that it is necessary to cross reference to this guidance as necessary. Recommendations will need to be aligned as some healthcare professionals involved in providing services to patients in social care, such as pharmacists, are also involved in providing care to those transferring between care settings.
3	7	<p>Some additional guidance from the RPS that might be of relevance:</p> <p><i>Now or Never: Shaping pharmacy for the future. Future Models of Care delivered through pharmacy.</i> http://www.rpharms.com/leading-on-nhs-reforms-for-pharmacy/models-of-care.asp</p> <p><i>Keeping patients safe when they transfer between care providers – getting the medicines right.</i> http://www.rpharms.com/medicines-safety/getting-the-medicines-right.asp</p> <p><i>Medicines Optimisation: Helping patients to make the most of medicines.</i> http://www.rpharms.com/promoting-pharmacy-pdfs/helping-patients-make-the-most-of-their-medicines.pdf</p>

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