

National Institute for Health and Care Excellence

PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDANCE – Identifying and supporting people most at risk of dying prematurely (PH15)

Consultation on the Review Proposal from
01 – 15 November 2013

Comments on the Review Proposal to be submitted
no later than 17:00 on Friday 15 November 2013

Stakeholder Comments

Please use this form for submitting your comments to the Institute.

1. Please put each new comment in a new row.
2. Please insert the **section number** in the 1st column. If your comment relates to the document as a whole, please put '**general**' in this column
3. **Please note - Comments forms with attachments such as research articles, letters or leaflets cannot be accepted. If comments forms do have attachments they will be returned without being read. If the stakeholder resubmits the form without attachments, it must be by the consultation deadline.**

Name:	Helen Chang Senior Professional Support Pharmacist, RPS Support Manager
Organisation:	Royal Pharmaceutical Society
Section number Indicate section number or ' general ' if your comment relates to the whole document	Comments Please insert each new comment in a new row.
General	<p>The Royal Pharmaceutical Society welcomes an update to the NICE Public Health guidance on identifying and supporting people most at risk of dying prematurely.</p> <p>As the structure of the NHS, particularly at a local level, has undergone significant changed it would seem sensible to review and update references to old systems.</p> <p>Pharmacists have a significant role in public health raising awareness of CVD and its risk factors, supplying medicines for the prevention and management of CVD, advising on the prevention and management of CVD, and providing support for healthy lifestyles.</p>

Please add extra rows as needed

Please return to: proactivecasefinding@nice.org.uk

NB: The Institute reserves the absolute right to edit, summarise or remove comments received on during consultation on draft scope where, in the reasonable opinion of the Institute, they may conflict with the law, are voluminous or are otherwise considered inappropriate.

National Institute for Health and Care Excellence

PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDANCE – Identifying and supporting people most at risk of dying prematurely (PH15)

Consultation on the Review Proposal from
01 – 15 November 2013

Comments on the Review Proposal to be submitted
no later than 17:00 on Friday 15 November 2013

Stakeholder Comments

General	<p>The RPS are currently drafting professional standards for public health to help lead, support and develop pharmacists and pharmacy teams across Great Britain, to enable delivery of high quality public health services.</p>
Recommendation 1	<p>We suggest that pharmacies, as key providers of primary care health services, are highlighted as an example of ‘who should take action’.</p> <p>Due to their accessibility pharmacists are well placed to identify patients who might be at risk of dying prematurely, through the various interactions they have with patients (for example community pharmacists supply medicines over the counter and on prescription; and provide services such as weight loss clinics, stop smoking, blood pressure checks and health checks).</p> <p>Pharmacists also keep patient medical records and arrange appointments for services, thus provide additional opportunities for identifying adults who are disadvantaged and at high risk of premature death from CVD.</p>
Recommendation 2	<p>We suggest that pharmacies are highlighted as an example of ‘who should take action’.</p>
Recommendation 3	<p>We suggest that recommendations of system incentives consider the role of pharmacists.</p> <p>Many community pharmacies provide Health Checks which identify patients at risk of CVD.</p> <p>Pharmacists also supply Nicotine Replacement Therapy, offer stop smoking services as private and locally commissioned services, and also participate in the distribution of NHS Quit Kits.</p>

Please add extra rows as needed

Please return to: proactivecasefinding@nice.org.uk

NB: The Institute reserves the absolute right to edit, summarise or remove comments received on during consultation on draft scope where, in the reasonable opinion of the Institute, they may conflict with the law, are voluminous or are otherwise considered inappropriate.

National Institute for Health and Care Excellence

PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDANCE – Identifying and supporting people most at risk of dying prematurely (PH15)

Consultation on the Review Proposal from
01 – 15 November 2013

Comments on the Review Proposal to be submitted
no later than 17:00 on Friday 15 November 2013

Stakeholder Comments

Recommendation 4	<p>We agree that partnership working between healthcare professionals and the wider community is important.</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> <p>Thus suggest that pharmacists are included in this recommendation.</p>
Recommendation 5	<p>We suggest that pharmacies are included in this section.</p>

Please add extra rows as needed

Please return to: proactivecasefinding@nice.org.uk

NB: The Institute reserves the absolute right to edit, summarise or remove comments received on during consultation on draft scope where, in the reasonable opinion of the Institute, they may conflict with the law, are voluminous or are otherwise considered inappropriate.