

## NHS Scotland - Medicines Homecare Review - Call for Evidence

1. Are you completing this survey

as an individual healthcare professional

on behalf of a patient group

on behalf of an organisation or health, care or pharmaceutical industry representative body

2. This feedback will remain anonymous. However, should you wish to discuss your feedback further with the review team, you can enter your email address below.

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By providing your email address, you consent to NHS Fife collecting, storing and using your data for the purposes of the Medicines Homecare Review and in line with s1.4 Records Management Retention and Disposal Schedule.

3. Which stakeholder group are you representing?

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An NHS Board

Integration Joint Board

Voluntary Health and Social Care Organisation

Pharmaceutical, Medical or Nursing Professional Body

Pharmaceutical, Medical or Nursing Regulatory Body

Pharmaceutical, Medical or Nursing Representative Group

Social Care Representative Body

Contractor Representative Body

4. What is the name of the organisation/group/board/body you represent? (Optional Question)

Royal Pharmaceutical Society Scotland

5. Please outline your involvement in medicines homecare. For example, in your role, area or organisation, how do you provide hospital-initiated medicines and any associated care to patients in the community setting. (e.g., prescribing, dispensing, monitoring and any nurse training)?



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We do not directly provide medicines or associated care but represent and advocate for pharmacists and their teams who do. We are unable to answer many of the questions as these services are commissioned and contracted within the NHS.

6.What are the benefits of the current approaches to medicines homecare? Please give examples.

Unable to answer

7.What are the challenges associated with the current approaches to medicines' homecare? Please give examples

Unable to answer

8.How would you rate the quality of care provided to patients through the medicines homecare service. Please provide examples.

Unable to answer

9.How easy is it for patients to access medicines in the current medicines homecare service?

Unable to answer

10.Please provide examples of any geographical disparities you are aware of in the medicines homecare service provision?

Unable to answer

11.How sustainable and valuable are the current supply routes? (Consider financial and environmental sustainability)

Unable to answer

12.What challenges are you aware of relating to scalability ?

Unable to answer

13.What upcoming changes in the medicines pipeline are you aware of that might impact the demand for and delivery of these services ?

Unable to answer



14.How do any potential or future changes to VAT rules factor into your planning and delivery arrangements for these services? What impact could changes have on services?

Unable to answer

15.What alternative supply models, including those from other countries, are you aware of for patients to access hospital-initiated medicines and associated care?

Outsourcing Hospital Pharmacy Outpatient Dispensing  
Community Pharmacy Enhanced Services

16.How feasibly could these models be applied in the Scottish Healthcare context?

Unable to answer

17.What are the prevalent contractual arrangement issues or challenges for medicines homecare services?

Unable to answer

18.Are you aware of the required standards for medicines homecare service provision?

**Yes**

No

19.Please outlay how service standards are utilised by your body, if applicable.

The RPS recognises that medicines homecare is an established service within the delivery of care for patients and, in collaboration with others, published professional standards for homecare services in 2013. These have been refreshed in 2023 and are now available on our website and open for consultation. See link

<https://www.rpharms.com/recognition/setting-professional-standards/homecare-services-professional-standards/consultation>

We will share the consultation output with the NHS Scotland - Medicines Homecare Review - Call for Evidence in due course.

20.Are you aware of the enforcement mechanisms available to maintain medicines homecare service provision standards?

Yes

**No**

21.What do you perceive as barriers to new homecare providers entering the market?

Unable to answer



22. Is the information currently available to the public and professionals adequate and informative?

Yes

**No**

23. What improvements or additional details would you like to have access to?

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24. What are the potential future uses for medicines homecare services?

Unable to answer

25. What factors might enhance a provider's ability to deliver effective medicines homecare services?

Unable to answer

26. What factors might hinder a provider's ability to deliver effective services and how might these be addressed?

Unable to answer

27. Please provide any additional comments, suggestions, or insights that might aid our review?

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