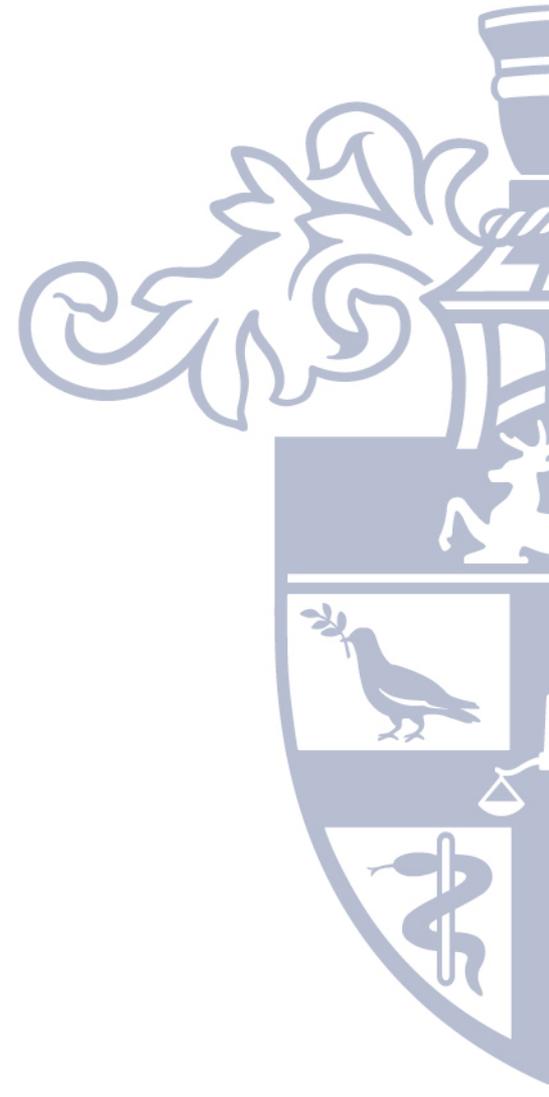




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Updating Guidance on the Safe and Secure Handling of Medicines

September 2016



Why the update?

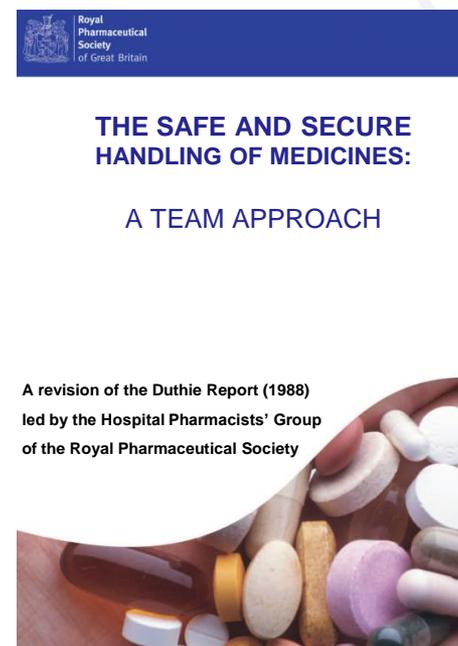


The safe and secure handling of medicines – brief history

Guidelines for the safe & Secure Handling of Medicines

A report to the Secretary of State for Social Services by the Joint Sub-Committee of the Standing Medical Nursing and Midwifery and Pharmaceutical Advisory Committees, chaired by **Professor R B Duthie**

1988
Department of Health



2005
Royal Pharmaceutical
Society of GB lead by the
Hospital pharmacists Group

THE SAFE AND SECURE HANDLING OF MEDICINES: A TEAM APPROACH

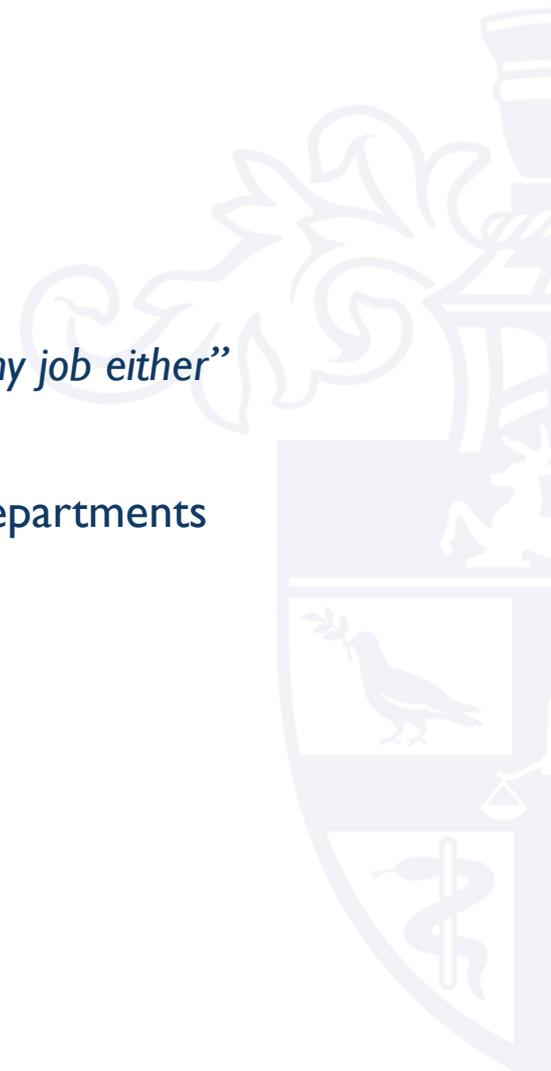
- Revised edition published in 2005 by working group of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society to:
 - comply with updated legislation;
 - follow guidance issued by the Health Departments for England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland and other Government Departments e.g. Home Office;
 - manage the risks to patients and staff arising from the use of medicines
- “Standard” widely used in NHS and beyond

The need for another review is pressing

- Changes to legislation
 - General & specific
- Changes to ways of working
 - New roles, new technologies (eg. automated medicines cabinets, dispensing robots)
 - New models of care in England (Vanguards, multispecialty providers)
- Changes to NHS landscape
 - Implications of devolved health administrations
- Some significant gaps between guidance and practice

Examples of recent issues

- Handling of medicines in ambulance services
- *“I’m a clinical pharmacist. It’s not my job” and “I’m a nurse, its not my job either”*
- CQC findings eg. medical gases, controlled drugs in operating departments
- Biologicals
- Patient’s own medicines and self-administration

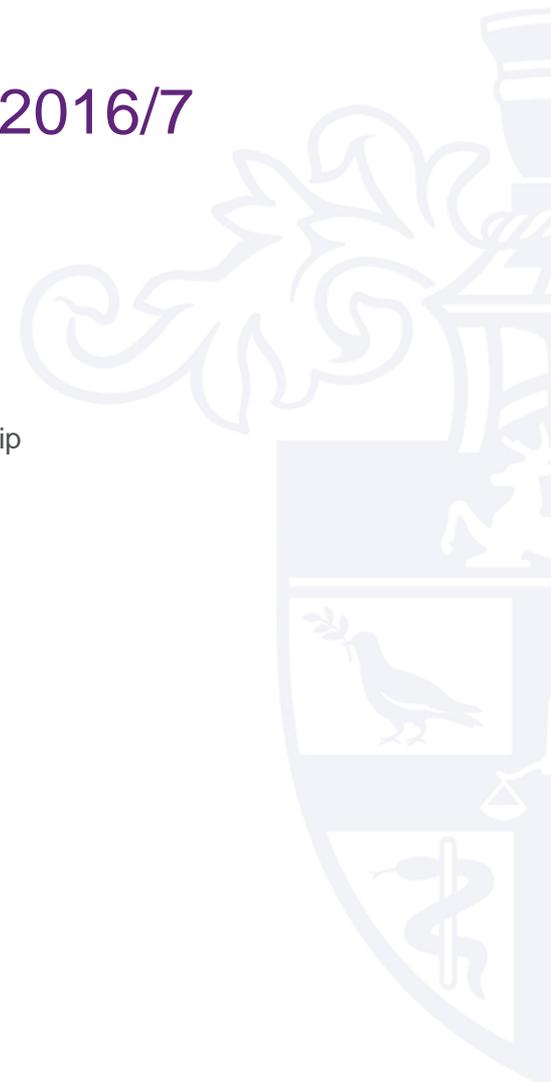


Project Overview

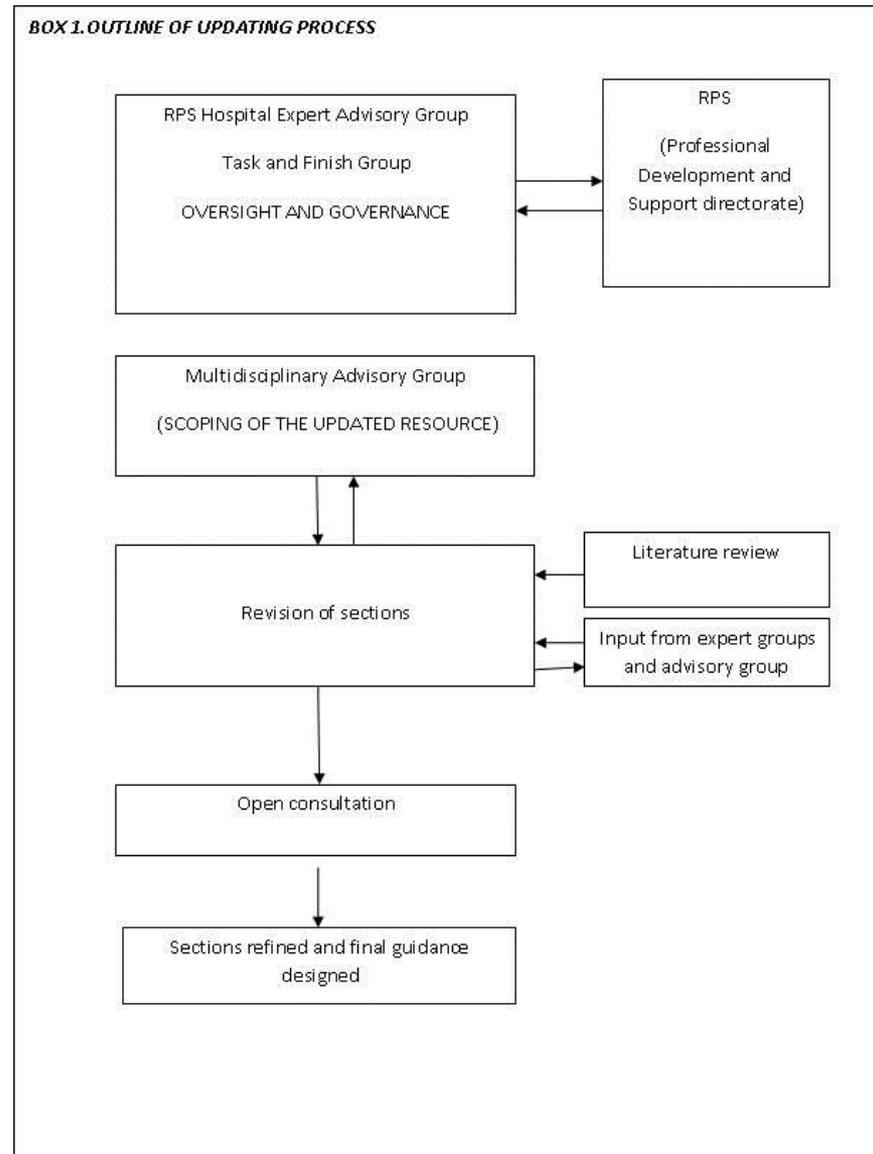


Royal Pharmaceutical Society (RPS) update 2016/7

- Update was instigated on the advice of the RPS Hospital Expert Advisory Group (HEAG)
- Small task and finish group constituted from members of the HEAG;
 - Tim Hanlon, Chief Pharmacist, Guys and St Thomas's Hospitals NHS FT
 - Karen Harrowing, Quality Systems and Pharmacy Consultant
 - Trevor Jenkins, Community Health Services Pharmacy Lead at South Essex Partnership
 - Norman Lannigan, NHS Glasgow and Clyde
 - Richard Needle, Chief Pharmacist, Colchester Hospital NHS FT
 - Tim Root, East and South East England Specialist Pharmacy Services
 - Richard Seal, Chief Pharmacist, NHS Improvement
- Project support from RPS
 - Catherine Picton, professional secretary to the HEAG
 - Katie Perkins, Professional Support Pharmacist
 - Ruth Wakeman, Assistant Director, of Professional Development and Support



Project overview



Key milestones

Project plan	Timetable
Advisory group scoping meeting	September 2016
Literature reviews and follow-up calls	September 16 – March 17
Initial revisions	September 16 – March 17
Open consultation	April 17
Comments incorporated	May 17 – August 17
Production and Publication	Autumn 17

Role of multidisciplinary advisory group

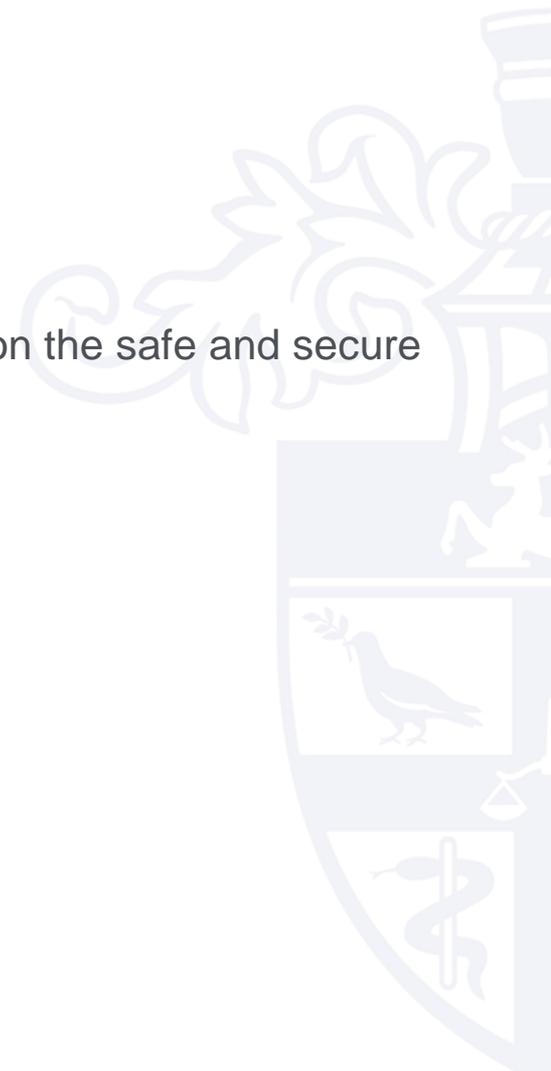
- Multidisciplinary stakeholder group
- Help define the overall scope of the update
- Contribution throughout the updating process
- Reality check where necessary for the final updated draft sections
- Promotion once published
- Implementation and identification of practice examples to share



Interested in contributing to the update?

If you are interested in contributing to the update of the guidance on the safe and secure handling of medicines please contact :

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You can find more details about this work on the RPS website:

<http://www.rpharms.com/what-we-re-working-on/safe-and-secure-handling-of-medicines.asp>

