

Module specification

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Module code	NHS6A5
Module title	Independent and Supplementary Prescribing for Nurses (V300)
Level	6
Credit value	40
Faculty	Faculty of Social and Life Sciences
Module Leader	Eleri Mills
HECoS Code	100290
Cost Code	GANG

Programmes in which module to be offered

Programme title	Is the module core or option for this programme
MSc Advanced Clinical Practice	Option
Stand alone module leading to Glyndwr University Professional Certificate	

Pre-requisites

None

Breakdown of module hours

Learning and teaching hours	156 hrs
Placement tutor support	50 hrs
Supervised learning e.g. practical classes, workshops	0 hrs
Project supervision (level 6 projects and dissertation modules only)	0 hrs
Total active learning and teaching hours	206 hrs
Placement / work based learning	78 hrs
Guided independent study	116 hrs
Module duration (total hours)	400 hrs

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Module aims

To develop a systematic, evidence based and reflective approach to clinical decision making in independent/supplementary prescribing practice.

To enable nurses (adult, mental health, learning disabilities and children's nursing); midwives, specialist community public health nurses to develop the competence to practice safely, appropriately and cost-effectively as Independent/Supplementary prescribers in relation to professional standards set by the Nursing and Midwifery Council (2018).

Module Learning Outcomes - at the end of this module, students will be able to:

1	<p>Deploy effective communication/relationship with patient/clients, carers, other prescribers and members of the health care team within a prescribing scenario, articulating problem solutions and improvements where relevant.</p> <p>(RPS 2021 Competency Framework for all Prescribers. 1.1; 1.4; 3.1, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5; 3.6; 4.13; 4.14; 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5; 7.4, 7.6; 8.1, 8.4, 8.5; 10.1,10.2, 10.3, 10.4).</p>
2	<p>Competently undertake a history and clinical assessment within the limits of professional competence, which includes an understanding of relevant patho-physiology, recognition of signs and symptoms of illness, and medication history including the use of unlicensed medication in order to inform a working diagnosis, within their intended scope of practice as a nurse (adult, mental health, learning disability and children's nursing); midwife and specialist community public health nursing, to meet the Royal Pharmaceutical Society Competency Framework for all Prescribers.</p> <p>(RPS 2021 Competency Framework for all Prescribers. 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 1.6, 1.7, 1.8, 1.9, 1.10, 1.11, 1.12; ; 2.1, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 2.10; 3.1, 3.3, 3.5, 3.6; 4.1, 4.7, 4.8, 4.10, 4.11, 4.12, 4.13; 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5; 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4; 7.1, 7.4, 7.5, 7.6; 8.1, 8.4).</p>
3	<p>Reflect upon the formulation of a treatment plan for the prescribing of one or more medicines if appropriate within their role as a nurse (adult, mental health, learning disability and children's nursing); midwife and specialist community public health nursing, <i>having considered the legal, cognitive, emotional and physical differences</i>, detailing the working differential diagnosis; how patient safety was ensured; how responses to therapy were monitored; any modifications to treatment and any consultation or referrals if made.</p> <p>(RPS 2021 Competency Framework for all Prescribers. 1.1,1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5,1.6, 1.7, 1.8, 1.9, 1.10, 1.11, 1.12, 1.13, 1.14; 2.1, 2.2, 2.5, 2.10; 4.6, 4.10; ; 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5, 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4; 7.4, 7.5, 7.6; 8.1, 8.4).</p>
4	<p>Competently requests and interprets relevant investigations necessary to inform treatment options such as effective use of common diagnostic aids e.g. stethoscope, sphygmomanometer, which are relevant to the condition(s) for which the nurse (adult, mental health, learning disability and children's nurse); midwife, SCPHN intends to prescribe, including monitoring response to therapy. which are relevant to the condition(s) intends to prescribe, including monitoring response to therapy.</p> <p>(RPS 2021 Competency Framework for all Prescribers. 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 1.6, 1.10, 1.11, 1.13 ; 4.9, 4.10, 4.11; 6.1; 7.4, 7.5, 7.6; 8.1, 8.4).</p>

5	Describe, comment upon and apply the relevant legislation to the practice of non-medical prescribing within a clinical governance framework including issues of record keeping and the use of unlicensed medicines, to the practice of nurse (adult, mental health, learning disability and children's nursing); midwife and specialist community public health nursing prescribing. (RPS 2021 Competency Framework for all Prescribers 1.3, 1.6, 1.8; 2.7; 4.3, 4.5, 4.8, 4.11, 4.12; 5.3, 5.4, 5.5; 7.4, 7.5, 7.6; 8.1, 8.3, 8.4, 8.5, 8.6; 10.1, 10.2, 10.3, 10.4).
6	Appraise, use sources of contemporary information/advice/research and decision support systems including evidence based guidelines in prescribing practice, identifying further areas of practice development. (RPS 2021 Competency Framework for all Prescribers. 2.2, 2.6, 2.7, 2.8; 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6; 4.7, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5; 7.4, 7.5, 7.6; 8.1, 8.2, 8.3, 8.4, 8.5; 10.3).
7	Review the influences of patients or carers and consider their wishes and values, that can affect prescribing practice, demonstrating a systematic understanding giving consideration to a shared evidence based model of decision making by managing one own prescribing in an ethical way. (RPS 2021 Competency Framework for all Prescribers 1.7; 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.6, 2.7; 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.6; 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.7; 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4; 7.5, 7.6; 8.1, 8.2, 8.3, 8.4, 8.5; 9.7; 10.1, 10.2, 10.3, 10.4).
8	Apply knowledge of pharmacological, non-pharmacological approaches to disease, considering drug actions, adherence, effectiveness, interactions in prescribing practice, and how these may be altered, including the misuse of medicines. (RPS 2021 Competency Framework for all Prescribers 1.6, 1.8; 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4; 4.1, 4.8, 4.9, 4.13; 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4; 7.2, 7.3, 7.4, 7.5, 7.6; 8.1, 8.2, 8.3, 8.4, 8.5, 9.7).
9	Reflect upon own role and the roles of others involved in prescribing, supplying and administering medicines, giving consideration to your own personal prescribing development. (RPS 2021 Competency Framework for all Prescribers 1.14; 2.8; 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5, 4.9, 4.14; 7.3, 7.5, 7.6; 8.1, 8.2, 8.4, 8.5; 9.1, 9.2, 9.3, 9.7; 10.1, 10.2, 10.3, 10.4).
10	Demonstrate the clinical decision making skills required to prescribe safely, appropriately and cost-effectively, including numeracy calculations contributing an original, coherently argued response to managing influences on prescribing practice at individual, local and national levels. (RPS 2021 Competency Framework for all Prescribers 1.1,1.2,1.3,1.5,1.6,1.7, 1.8, 1.9, 1.10, 1.11, 1.12, 1.13, 1.14; 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 2.8; 3.1, 3.5, 3.6; 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.5, 4.6, 4.8, 4.9, 4.10; 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4; 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 7.4, 7.5, 7.6; 8.1, 8.2, 8.4, 8.5; 9.1, 9.2, 9.3; 10.1, 10.2,10.3, 10.4).
11	Evaluate the role of independent and supplementary prescribing for nurses and practice competently within a framework of professional accountability and responsibility that includes audit of prescribing practice and the management and recording of own regular continuing personal and professional development activity. (RPS 2021 Competency Framework for all Prescribers 1.7, 1.14; 2.8, 2.9, 2.10; 3.5; 4.5; 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 7.4, 7.6; 8.1, 8.2, 8.3, 8.4, 8.5, 8.6; 9.1, 9.2, 9.3, 9.4, 9.5, 9.6 ; 10.1, 10.2, 10.3, 10.4).
12	Demonstrate an understanding of the public health issues relating to medicines use into clinical decision-making and practice development. (RPS 2021 Competency Framework for all Prescribers 1.1, 1.2; 2.1, 2.3, 2.8, 2.10; 3.5; 4.1, 4.7, 4.10; 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 7.4, 7.6; 8.4, 8.6; 9.2, 9.3; 10.1, 10.2, 10.3, 10.4).

Assessment

Indicative Assessment Tasks:

This section outlines the type of assessment task the student will be expected to complete as part of the module. More details will be made available in the relevant academic year module handbook.

Formative Assessment

1. Situational analysis
2. Numeracy assessment related to prescribing and calculation of medicines (Pass mark 100%).
3. CMP - Provide feedback on CMP template
4. Critical Reflective Log - Provide feedback on Plan and 2 pages of work
5. Unseen examination – Pharmacology with 20 multiple-choice questions and short answer questions.(80% pass mark)
6. OSCE – 4 phases

Summative Assessment

1. PAD - Reflective log. 4000 words Weighting is 100% . Pass mark is 40% or above.
2. PAD - Clinical Management Plan Assessment. 1000 words Pass/Refer.
3. PAD - OSCE – 4 phases. Pass/Refer. 2 formative and 1 summative OSCE to be undertaken.
4. PAD - Achievement of RPS Competency framework for all Prescribers including service-user/carer feedback.
5. PAD - Personal formulary from within the individual practitioner's scope of practice.
6. PAD - Practice Assessor to confirm that the nurse has satisfactorily completed at least 78 hours of supervised practice including sign-off by the PA of competence as an independent / supplementary prescriber (V300).
7. Unseen numeracy assessment related to prescribing and calculation of medicines examination consists of 12 numeracy assessment questions (pass mark 100%). Duration of 1 hour.
8. Pharmacology unseen examination consists of 20 MCQs and short answer questions (80% pass mark). Duration of 2 hours.

Assessment number	Learning Outcomes to be met	Type of assessment	Weighting (%)
1	1-12	Written Assignment	100%
2	1-12	Written Assignment	Pass/Refer
3	1-12	OSCE	Pass/Refer
4	1-12	Portfolio	Pass/Refer
5	2,3,4,5,7,8,9,10	Portfolio	Pass/Refer
6	1-12	Portfolio	Pass/Refer
7	10	Examination	Pass/Refer (student must achieve pass mark of 100%)
8	1-12	Examination	Pass/Refer (student must achieve pass mark of at least 80%)

Derogations

All elements of the assessment must be passed individually in order to pass this module.

There is a maximum of two attempts at any one element.

Assessment 7 pass mark is 100% Assessment 8 pass mark is 80%

If a practitioner fails to correctly answer any questions that may result in direct harm to a patient/client or which omits or includes information which would indicate unsafe practice by the student or in any way breaches confidentiality will be deemed a 'refer' on that part of the assessment task.

A derogation for the timing of feedback to a four weeks turnaround for all assessments.

Learning and Teaching Strategies

A variety of learning and teaching methods will be used and are designed to stimulate student enquiry and self-directed learning around the curriculum content. These include classroom based strategies such as blended learning approach to interactive lectures and discussions, seminars and workshops, tutorial sessions and problem-based / case-based learning, synchronous and asynchronous sessions, panopto supported by internet-based resources and use of the virtual learning environment (VLE) - 'Moodle' and MS Teams. The Active Learning Framework (ALF) is grounded in the University's values of being accessible, supportive, innovative and ambitious, and will support flexible learning that makes best use of spaces on Campus together with digitally-enabled learning opportunities designed to be accessed anytime, anywhere as appropriate. In addition, ALF will embody ways of teaching and learning that create and support a sense of belonging for students. In clinical practice an experiential strategy, including observation, simulation, guided practice and observed independent practice, will be used to meet the module outcomes. Service user and carer form is available in Welsh. Programme Handbook and PAD document and session content can be translated to support the use of the Welsh language. Guidelines are provided in the Programme Handbook.

It is recognised that the learning needs of nurses are different – some have an in-depth knowledge of pharmacology and related topics while others may have a higher level of clinical assessment skills. Therefore individual, negotiated learning is included in the learning and teaching strategy. Students will agree an individual/group contract at the beginning of the module with a member of the module teaching team, identifying specific learning needs. Students will also undertake a formative OSCE assessment in a simulated environment in order to help identify areas of strengths and weakness. Specific negotiated learning sessions (e.g. clinical assessment skills sessions and simulation) will be timetabled in order to support specific practitioner learning in relation to relevant knowledge and skills development.

Students will also undertake two formative OSCE assessments in a simulated environment in order to help identify areas of strengths and weakness. Formative feedback is also provided by the PA on an on-going basis in practice; All students will be visited/ contacted via SKYPE in practice and 20% of the summative OSCE's undertaken in practice by Nurses are moderated by the programme team to ensure consistency of decisions on competence.

Practice Assessors and Practice Supervisors will also support students by offering them a minimum of 78 hours supervised practice and the opportunities to allow them to observe and have 'hands-on' experiences in the clinical area where they will prescribe on qualification. Practice Assessor will also assess that the student is competent to practice and achieved the learning outcomes of the programme of study. In exceptional circumstances the same

person may fulfil the role of Practice Supervisor and Practice Assessor for that part of the programme where the prescribing student is undertaking training in a practice learning setting. All students will be supported by a Academic Assessor. Midwives will be supported by a Lead Midwife for Education.

Indicative Syllabus Outline

The indicative content will include the general and professional content and prescribing specific content reflecting the RPS (2021) Competency Framework for all Prescribers and its application to the independent and supplementary prescribers practice

The Consultation – competency 1 – 6

Assessment of patient, history taking, consultation skills, assessment skills, diagnosis, provisional diagnosis, communication and decision making including referral.

Pharmacology, pharmacokinetics, pharmacodynamics and therapeutics of medicines and its physiological effect on the body.

Prescribing across the age continuum, considering genetics, age, renal impairment, and pregnancy, deprescribing, polypharmacy and options.

Shared decision making, providing information to patient/clients, influences and psychology of prescribing, adherence and non-adherence, monitoring and review.

Communicates information to other healthcare professionals, involved in the patient's care, when sharing or transferring care and prescribing responsibilities, within and across all care settings

Numeracy and drug calculations, prescribe safely, up-to-date awareness of drug actions, indications, dose, contraindications, interactions, cautions, and side effects.

Prescribing Governance - competency 7 – 10

Ethical, legal, professional and safety issues applied to prescribing

Policy context of prescribing and evidence based practice, including supplementary prescribing

Clinical governance and auditing/improving prescribing practice

Record keeping and information governance

Prescribe as part of a multidisciplinary team

Continuing professional development and use of networks for support and learning.

Impact of prescribing on sustainability, as well as methods of reducing the carbon footprint and environmental impact of any medicine.

RPS (2021) Competency framework for all Prescribers.

The Consultation

1. Assess the patient

Statements supporting the competency

1.1 Undertakes the consultation in an appropriate setting (a).

1.2 Considers patient dignity, capacity, consent and confidentiality (b).

1.3 Introduces self and prescribing role to the patient/carer and confirms patient/carer identity.

1.4 Assesses the communication needs of the patient/carer and adapts (c) consultation appropriately.

1.5 Demonstrates good consultation skills (d) and builds rapport with the patient/carer.

1.6 Takes and documents an appropriate medical, psychosocial and medication history *(e) including allergies and intolerances.

1.7 Undertakes and documents an appropriate clinical assessment (f).

1.8 Identifies and addresses potential vulnerabilities (g) that may be causing the patient/carer to seek treatment.

1.9 Accesses and interprets all available and relevant patient records to ensure knowledge of the patient's management to date.

- 1.10 Requests and interprets relevant investigations necessary to inform treatment options.
- 1.11 Makes, confirms or understands, and documents the working or final diagnosis by systematically considering the various possibilities (differential diagnosis).
- 1.12 Understands the condition(s) being treated, their natural progression, and how to assess their severity, deterioration and anticipated response to treatment.
- 1.13 Reviews adherence (and non-adherence (h)) to, and effectiveness of, current medicines.
- 1.14 Refers to or seeks guidance from another member of the team, a specialist or appropriate information source when necessary.

Further information on the supporting statements for competency 1

- (a) Appropriate setting includes location, environment and medium.
- (b) In line with legislation, best practice, regulatory standards and contractual requirements.
- (c) Adapts for language, age, capacity, learning disability and physical or sensory impairments.
- (d) Good consultation skills include actively listening, using positive body language, asking open questions, remaining non-judgemental, and exploring the patient's/carer's ideas, concerns and expectations.
- (e) Medication history includes current and previously prescribed (and non-prescribed) medicines, vaccines, on-line medicines, over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, dietary supplements, herbal products, complementary remedies, recreational/illicit drugs, alcohol and tobacco.
- (f) Clinical assessment includes observations, psychosocial assessments and physical examinations.
- (g) Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults (possible signs of abuse, neglect, or exploitation), and focusing on both the patient's physical and mental health, particularly if vulnerabilities may lead them to seek treatment unnecessarily or for the wrong reasons.
- (h) Non-adherence may be intentional or non-intentional.

2. Identify evidence-based treatment options available for clinical decision making

Statements supporting the competency

- 2.1 Considers both non-pharmacological (a) and pharmacological treatment approaches.
- 2.2 Considers all pharmacological treatment options including optimising doses as well as stopping treatment (appropriate polypharmacy and deprescribing).
- 2.3 Assesses the risks and benefits to the patient of taking or not taking a medicine or treatment.
- 2.4 Applies understanding of the pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics of medicines, and how these may be altered by individual patient factors (b).
- 2.5 Assesses how co-morbidities, existing medicines, allergies, intolerances, contraindications and quality of life impact on management options.
- 2.6 Considers any relevant patient factors (c) and their potential impact on the choice and formulation of medicines, and the route of administration.
- 2.7 Accesses, critically evaluates, and uses reliable and validated sources of information.
- 2.8 Stays up to date in own area of practice and applies the principles of evidence-based practice (d).
- 2.9 Considers the wider perspective including the public health issues related to medicines and their use, and promoting health.
- 2.10 Understands antimicrobial resistance and the roles of infection prevention, control and antimicrobial stewardship measures.

Further information on the supporting statements for competency 2

- (a) Non-pharmacological treatment approaches include no treatment, social prescribing and wellbeing/lifestyle changes.

- (b) Individual patient factors include genetics, age, renal impairment and pregnancy.
- (c) Relevant patient factors include ability to swallow, disability, visual impairment, frailty, dexterity, religion, beliefs and intolerances.
- (d) Evidence-based practice includes clinical and cost-effectiveness.

3. Present options and reach a shared decision

Statements supporting the competency

- 3.1 Actively involves and works with the patient/carer to make informed choices and agree a plan that respects the patient's/carer's preferences (a).
- 3.2 Considers and respects patient diversity, background, personal values and beliefs about their health, treatment and medicines, supporting the values of equality and inclusivity, and developing cultural competence.(b)
- 3.3 Explains the material risks and benefits, and rationale behind management options in a way the patient/carer understands, so that they can make an informed choice.
- 3.4 Assesses adherence in a non-judgemental way; understands the reasons for non-adherence © and how best to support the patient/carer.
- 3.5 Builds a relationship which encourages appropriate prescribing and not the expectation that a prescription will be supplied.
- 3.6 Explores the patient's/carer's understanding of a consultation and aims for a satisfactory outcome for the patient/carer and prescriber.

Further information on the supporting statements for competency 3

- (a) Preferences include patient's/carer's right to decline or limit treatment.
- (b) In line with legislation requirements which apply to equality, diversity and inclusion.
- (c) Non-adherence may be intentional or non-intentional.

4. Prescribe

Statements supporting the competency

- 4.1 Prescribes a medicine or device (a) with up-to-date awareness of its actions, indications, dose, contraindications, interactions, cautions and adverse effects.
- 4.2 Understands the potential for adverse effects and takes steps to recognise, and manage them, whilst minimising risk.
- 4.3 Understands and uses relevant national, regional and local frameworks (b) for the use of medicines.
- 4.4 Prescribes generic medicines where practical and safe for the patient, and knows when medicines should be prescribed by branded product.
- 4.5 Accurately completes and routinely checks calculations relevant to prescribing and practical dosing.
- 4.6 Prescribes appropriate quantities and at appropriate intervals necessary (c) to reduce the risk of unnecessary waste.
- 4.7 Recognises potential misuse of medicines; minimises risk (d) and manages using appropriate processes.
- 4.8 Uses up-to-date information about the availability, pack sizes, storage conditions, excipients and costs of prescribed medicines.
- 4.9 Electronically generates and/or writes legible, unambiguous and complete prescriptions which meet legal requirements.
- 4.10 Effectively uses the systems (e) necessary to prescribe medicines.
- 4.11 Prescribes unlicensed and off-label medicines where legally permitted, and unlicensed medicines only if satisfied that an alternative licensed medicine would not meet the patient's clinical needs.
- 4.12 Follows appropriate safeguards if prescribing medicines that are unlicensed, off-label, or outside standard practice.
- 4.13 Documents accurate, legible and contemporaneous clinical records (f).

4.14 Effectively and securely communicates information (g) to other healthcare professionals involved in the patient's care, when sharing or transferring care and prescribing responsibilities, within and across all care settings.

Further information on the supporting statements for competency 4

- (a) 'Medicine' or 'device' includes all products (including necessary co-prescribing of infusion sets, devices, diluents and mediums) that can be prescribed, supplied or recommended for purchase.
- (b) Frameworks include local formularies, care pathways, protocols and professional guidelines, as well as evidence-based guidelines from relevant national, regional and local committees.
- (c) Amount necessary for a complete course, until next review or prescription supply.
- (d) Minimises risk by ensuring appropriate safeguards are in place.
- (e) Systems include medicine charts, decision support tools and electronic prescribing systems. Also, awareness and avoidance of potential system errors.
- (f) Records include prescribing decisions, history, diagnosis, clinical indications, discussions, advice given, examinations, findings, interventions, action plans, safety-netting, referrals, monitoring and follow ups.
- (g) Information about clinical conditions, medicines and their current use (where necessary and with valid consent). Ensuring that private and personal data is protected and communicated securely in line with relevant legislation/regulations.

5. Provide information

Statements supporting the competency

- 5.1 Assesses health literacy of the patient/carer and adapts appropriately to provide clear, understandable and accessible information (a).
- 5.2 Checks the patient's/carer's understanding of the discussions had, actions needed, and their commitment to the management plan (b).
- 5.3 Guides the patient/carer on how to identify reliable sources (c) of information about their condition, medicines and treatment.
- 5.4 Ensures the patient/carer knows what to do if there are any concerns about the management of their condition, if the condition deteriorates or if there is no improvement in a specific timeframe.(d)
- 5.5 Encourages and supports the patient/carer to take responsibility for their medicines and self-manage their condition.

Further information on the supporting statements for competency 5

- (a) Information about their management, treatment, medicines (what they are for, how to use them, safe storage, disposal, expected duration of treatment, possible unwanted effects and what to do if they arise) monitoring and follow-up—in written and/or verbal form.
- (b) Management plan includes treatment, medicines, monitoring and follow-up.
- (c) Reliable sources include the medicine's patient information leaflet.
- (d) Includes safety-netting advice on when and how to seek help through appropriate signposting and referral.

6. Monitor and review

Statements supporting the competency

- 6.1 Establishes and maintains a plan for reviewing (a) the patient's treatment.
- 6.2 Establishes and maintains a plan to monitor (b) the effectiveness of treatment and potential unwanted effects.
- 6.3 Adapts the management plan in response to on-going monitoring and review of the patient's condition and preferences.
- 6.4 Recognises and reports suspected adverse events to medicines and medical devices using appropriate reporting systems (c).

Further information on the supporting statements for competency 6

- (a) Plan for reviewing includes safety-netting appropriate follow-up or referral.
- (b) Plan for monitoring includes safety-netting monitoring requirements and responsibilities, for example, by the prescriber, patient/carer or other healthcare professional.
- (c) Reporting systems include following established clinical governance procedures and the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) Yellow Card scheme.

Prescribing Governance

7. Prescribe safely

Statements supporting the competency

- 7.1 Prescribes within own scope of practice, and recognises the limits of own knowledge and skill.
- 7.2 Knows about common types and causes of medication and prescribing errors, and knows how to minimise their risk.
- 7.3 Identifies and minimises potential risks associated with prescribing via remote methods
 - (a).
- 7.4 Recognises when safe prescribing processes are not in place and acts to minimise risks
 - (b).
- 7.5 Keeps up to date with emerging safety concerns related to prescribing.
- 7.6 Reports near misses and critical incidents, as well as medication and prescribing errors using appropriate reporting systems, whilst regularly reviewing practice (c) to prevent recurrence.

Further information on the supporting statements for competency 7

- (a) Remote methods include telephone, email, video or communication via a third party.
- (b) Minimising risks include using or developing governance processes that support safe prescribing, particularly in areas of high risk such as transfer of information about medicines and prescribing of repeat medicines.
- (c) Reviewing practice include clinical audits.

8. Prescribe professionally

Statements supporting the competency

- 8.1 Ensures confidence and competence to prescribe are maintained.
- 8.2 Accepts personal responsibility and accountability for prescribing (a) and clinical decisions, and understands the legal and ethical implications.
- 8.3 Knows and works within legal and regulatory frameworks (b) affecting prescribing practice.
- 8.4 Makes prescribing decisions based on the needs of patients and not the prescriber's personal views.
- 8.5 Recognises and responds to factors (c) that might influence prescribing.
- 8.6 Works within the NHS, organisational, regulatory and other codes of conduct when interacting with the pharmaceutical industry.

Further information on the supporting statements for competency 8

- (a) Prescribing decisions include when prescribing under a shared care protocol/agreement.
- (b) Frameworks for prescribing controlled drugs, unlicensed and off-label medicines, supplementary prescribing, and prescribing for self, close family and friends.
- (c) Factors include interactions with pharmaceutical industry, media, patients/carers, colleagues, cognitive bias, financial gain, prescribing incentive schemes, switches and targets.

9. Improve prescribing practice

Statements supporting the competency

- 9.1 Improves by reflecting on own and others' prescribing practice, and by acting upon feedback and discussion.
- 9.2 Acts upon inappropriate or unsafe prescribing practice using appropriate processes (a).
- 9.3 Understands and uses available tools (b) to improve prescribing practice.
- 9.4 Takes responsibility for own learning and continuing professional development relevant to the prescribing role.(c)
- 9.5 Makes use of networks for support and learning.
- 9.6 Encourages and supports others with their prescribing practice and continuing professional development.(d)
- 9.7 Considers the impact of prescribing on sustainability, as well as methods of reducing the carbon footprint and environmental impact of any medicine.(e)

Further information on the supporting statements for competency 9

- (a) Processes include whistleblowing, regulatory and professional guidance, and employer procedures.
- (b) Tools include supervision, observation of practice and clinical assessment skills, portfolios, workplace competency-based assessments, questionnaires, prescribing data analysis, audits, case-based discussions, personal formularies and actively seeking regular patient and peer feedback.
- (c) By continuously reviewing, reflecting, identifying gaps, planning, acting, applying and evidencing learning or competencies.
- (d) By considering mentoring, leadership and workforce development (for example, becoming a Designated Prescribing Practitioner).
- (e) Methods of reducing a medicine's carbon footprint and environmental impact include proper disposal of medicine/device/equipment waste, recycling schemes, avoiding overprescribing and waste through regular reviews, deprescribing, dose and device optimisation.

10. Prescribe as part of a team

Statements supporting the competency

- 10.1 Works collaboratively (a) as part of a multidisciplinary team to ensure that the transfer and continuity of care (within and across all care settings) is developed and not compromised.
- 10.2 Establishes relationships with other professionals based on understanding, trust and respect for each other's roles in relation to the patient's care.
- 10.3 Agrees the appropriate level of support and supervision for their role as a prescriber.
- 10.4 Provides support and advice(b) to other prescribers or those involved in administration of medicines where appropriate.

Further information on the supporting statements for competency 10

- (a) Working collaboratively may also include keeping the patient/carer informed or prescribing under a shared care protocol/agreement.
- (b) Advice may include any specific instructions for administration, advice to be given to the patient/carer and monitoring required immediately after administration.

Indicative Bibliography:

Please note the essential reads and other indicative reading are subject to annual review and update.

Essential Reads

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Core Attributes

Engaged
Enterprising
Creative
Ethical

Key Attitudes

Commitment
Curiosity
Resilience
Confidence
Adaptability

Practical Skillsets

Digital Fluency
Organisation
Leadership and Team working
Critical Thinking
Emotional Intelligence
Communication