

Genomics education for the pharmacy workforce

Secondary care pharmacist persona

This tipsheet provides an overview of what pharmacists working in secondary care roles consider day to day regarding the use of genomics in their role; this presents the top three areas in each of the categories. It introduces general themes that may be important to deliver genomics informed medicines optimisation to patients.

This resource may not reflect the feelings or experience of all colleagues but has been produced to stimulate further conversation and thought.

What do I do?

- Champion and improve patient safety
- Clinical screening of prescriptions (inpatient and discharge)
- Medicines reconciliation (ward and clinic)

Why do I do it?

- Ensuring safe and most effective use of medicines
- Prevention (preventing admissions and maintain patients in own home)
- Responding to patient needs and supporting the patient journey

What do I want?

- Clear referral pathways
- Embedded into existing training pathway
- Leadership in this space and clear communication of what is expected of me

What's stopping me?

- Increased referrals and clinical services as front door to healthcare – capacity & workforce implications
- Perceived complexity
- Personal risk: risk of action and/or no action and link to legal and ethical

What convinces me?

- Desire to develop in role
- Feeling confident and competent and desire to develop professionally
- Patient outcomes

What/who informs me?

- Data and evidence base
- Leaders in the healthcare profession including pharmacists/GPs/consultants/nurses
- Professional bodies