

## Medicines Optimisation Resources

### General

Resource name	URL	Password needed	Details of password	Comments	Tips
BSW Medicines Optimisation and APC Website	<a href="https://bswtogether.org.uk/medicines/">https://bswtogether.org.uk/medicines/</a>	No			use Search bar
BSW Formulary	Formulary (bswformulary.nhs.uk)	No		Home Page has links to Prescribing guidelines and SCAs	about- gives info re Traffic Light Status (TLS)
BSW (NHSE guidance) - OTC	<a href="https://bsw.icb.nhs.uk/your-health/which-nhs-service-should-i-use/self-care/">https://bsw.icb.nhs.uk/your-health/which-nhs-service-should-i-use/self-care/</a>	No			
BSW Prior approval and Exceptions	<a href="https://bsw.icb.nhs.uk/your-health/what-we-do-and-dont-fund/">https://bsw.icb.nhs.uk/your-health/what-we-do-and-dont-fund/</a>	No			
BNF	<a href="https://bnf.nice.org.uk/">https://bnf.nice.org.uk/</a>	No			
BNF-C	<a href="https://bnfc.nice.org.uk/">https://bnfc.nice.org.uk/</a>	No			
Community Pharmacy - Avon LPC	avon.communitypharmacy.org.uk (LPC)	No			
Community Pharmacy Swindon & Wiltshire LPC	swindonwiltshire.communitypharmacy.org.uk(LPC)	No			
Dermatology - British association of Dermatology (BAD)	<a href="https://www.bad.org.uk/">https://www.bad.org.uk/</a>	No			
Drug Tariff	Drug tariff nhsbsa.nhs.uk	No		Use PDF rather than online version as speedier	use control F to search
FDB (Optimise Rx)	<a href="https://medsopt.fdbhealth.co.uk/">https://medsopt.fdbhealth.co.uk/</a>	Yes	ICB ONLY - Login details provided by BS or JM		
GP Evidence	<a href="https://gpevidence.org/">https://gpevidence.org/</a>	No		Summaries of the evidence on the benefits and harms of treatments for long term conditions	
Herbal Medicines	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/herbal-medicines-granted-a-traditional-herbal-registration-thr">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/herbal-medicines-granted-a-traditional-herbal-registration-thr</a>	No		More information on MHRA THR list found here <a href="https://www.rpharms.com/resources/quick-reference-guides/herbal-medicine-registration-scheme">https://www.rpharms.com/resources/quick-reference-guides/herbal-medicine-registration-scheme</a>	SPS website have a resource <a href="https://www.sps.nhs.uk/articles/handling-questions-about-herbal-medicines-or-dietary-supplements-and-conventional-medicines/">https://www.sps.nhs.uk/articles/handling-questions-about-herbal-medicines-or-dietary-supplements-and-conventional-medicines/</a>
Medicines Information support	Contact details for Medicines Advice across England Healthcare professionals in primary care (including community pharmacy) in England can now get in touch using a single contact number (telephone 0300 7708564) and email address (asksps.nhs@sps.direct) to access Medicines Advice			Helpful Summary - <a href="https://www.sps.nhs.uk/articles/contacting-us-for-medicines-advice/">https://www.sps.nhs.uk/articles/contacting-us-for-medicines-advice/</a>	
NEWT guidelines	<a href="https://www.newtguidelines.com/">https://www.newtguidelines.com/</a>	Yes	CCG ONLY K:\Medicines Optimisation\Prescribing Support Systems\NEWT guidelines	CCG ONLY -Latest user name and password can be found by accessing K drive (adjacent)	For practice /PCN subscriptions see - <a href="http://www.newtguidelines.com/Subscription.html">www.newtguidelines.com/Subscription.html</a>
NHS website -medicines A-Z	<a href="https://www.nhs.uk/">https://www.nhs.uk/</a>	No			
NICE -CKS	<a href="https://cks.nice.org.uk/">https://cks.nice.org.uk/</a>	No			
NICE- Guidance	<a href="https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance">https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance</a>	No			
PrescQIPP	<a href="https://www.prescqipp.info/">https://www.prescqipp.info/</a>	Yes	Register free for login details	full access passphrase is Redshank	
PrescQIPP- e-learning	E learning <a href="https://www.prescqipp.info/login/index.php">prescqipp.info/login/index.php</a>	Yes	Register free for login details - some e learning is free but practices may need to purchase some e-learning	CCG ONLY K:\Medicines Optimisation\Prescribing Support Systems\PresQIPP	CCG ONLY - Latest course codes can be found by accessing K drive (adjacent) and looking in Courses and pricing summary)
PSNC-Pharmaceutical Services Negotiating Committee	<a href="https://psnc.org.uk/">psnc.org.uk/</a>	No		Landing page has Dm&D info but wealth of other info including Supply Chain and shortages accessed >	<a href="https://psnc.org.uk/Supply Chain and Shortages">https://psnc.org.uk/Supply Chain and Shortages</a>
RpharmS e - library	<a href="https://www.rpharms.com/">https://www.rpharms.com/</a>	Yes	Pharmacist subscription only - not free	Maudsley (both the physical health guidelines and psych guidelines), Drug administration via enteral feeding tubes, Renal Drug Handbook, Meds Ethics and Practice plus the Oxford Handbook of General Practice and others. EMC	
SPCs - emc	<a href="https://www.medicines.org.uk/emc/">https://www.medicines.org.uk/emc/</a>	No		<a href="https://www.medicines.org.uk/emc/advanced-search">https://www.medicines.org.uk/emc/advanced-search</a>	use advanced search to search for lactose free, for example, preps
SPS -Specialist Pharmacy Service	<a href="https://www.sps.nhs.uk">https://www.sps.nhs.uk</a>	Yes/No	Registering allows greater content access including medicines supply tool ->	<a href="https://www.sps.nhs.uk/home/planning/medicines-supply-tool/">https://www.sps.nhs.uk/home/planning/medicines-supply-tool/</a>	
Vaccines - The Green Book	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/immunisation-against-infectious-disease-the-green-book">https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/immunisation-against-infectious-disease-the-green-book</a>	No			Email IMMS team for advice - <a href="mailto:england.swscreeningandimms@nhs.net">england.swscreeningandimms@nhs.net</a>
Wessex LMC -Local Medical Committees	<a href="https://www.wessexlmc.com/">https://www.wessexlmc.com/</a>	No		Some of our guidance originates from here e.g. Duration of Prescriptions -	

### CPD & Learning

CPPE- Answering medicines-related questions in practice	<a href="https://www.cppe.ac.uk/programmes/1/amrqp-01/">https://www.cppe.ac.uk/programmes/1/amrqp-01/</a>	Yes	some courses are free		
Medicines learning Portal	<a href="https://www.medicineslearningportal.org/p/about-3.html">https://www.medicineslearningportal.org/p/about-3.html</a>	No		e.g. Excipients Learning tutorial - <a href="https://www.medicineslearningportal.org/2019/11/excipients-learning-outcomes.html">https://www.medicineslearningportal.org/2019/11/excipients-learning-outcomes.html</a>	This site is designed for hospital pharmacists in their first 1,000 days of practice and there is a one page overview of the site as a PDF. Some content may also be of interest to hospital pharmacy technicians, community pharmacists, CCG pharmacists, and pharmacists returning to hospital practice after a career break
Medicines SafetyPortal	<a href="https://www.medicinesafety.co.uk/p/welcome.html">https://www.medicinesafety.co.uk/p/welcome.html</a>	No			

### Networks

PCPA- Primary Care Pharmacy Network	<a href="https://pcpa.org.uk/">https://pcpa.org.uk/</a>	Yes	Register - not free		
PrescQIPP-Practice Plus	<a href="https://www.prescqipp.info/learning/practice-plus/">https://www.prescqipp.info/learning/practice-plus/</a>	Yes	Free of charge for subscribers of PrescQIPP		
UKCPA- UK Clinical Pharmacy	<a href="https://ukclinicalpharmacy.org/">https://ukclinicalpharmacy.org/</a>	Yes	Register - not free		

### Useful Tools/Info

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Compare PDF & Word tool	<a href="https://draftable.com/compare">https://draftable.com/compare</a>	No			
PDF to Word tool	<a href="https://smallpdf.com/pdf-to-word">https://smallpdf.com/pdf-to-word</a>	No			
Handbook of drug administration via enteral	<a href="https://rudiapt.files.wordpress.com/2017/11/handbook-of-drug-administration-via-enteral-">https://rudiapt.files.wordpress.com/2017/11/handbook-of-drug-administration-via-enteral-</a>	No		Search using control F	This is latest edition as at May 2022 - please note it is not updated
Monitoring Medicines	Medicines Monitoring – SPS - Specialist Pharmacy Service – The first stop for	No			