

South West Essex Community Services

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Quality Account midyear progress report for the Quality & Safety Group

Priority	Reduce harm from omitted and delayed medicines
Monitoring/meetings held.	2 Discussed also as part of service level routine meetings
Chair	Philomena Arthur. Head of Integrated Community Services
Summary of key outcome measures	• Revised competencies developed for the administration of medication for the 3 inpatient areas for all registered nurses. This will be reviewed at staff appraisals.
	• The policy for managing and supporting staff following a medication error will be utilized in all cases, including omissions of signatures on prescription charts
	• We have raised the profile of the reporting of incidents as very few reported to date. Where incidnets are reported a review is undertaken to identify the root cause.
	 Information and data to be collected regarding trends and types of medication omitted or delayed
	 Attendance records for training updates being reviewed
	 We have implemented regular audit of prescription charts for inpatient areas
Key outcome measure results / progress made where data is not yet available	Action learning sessions
	 Check medication charts at all handovers Consider how topical creams and supplements are recorded
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	prescriptions are clear; not cluttered
	Introduction of red apron in all areasAll clinicians to report individual drug errors
	Encourage self-medication
	 Identify trends with individual staff competencies. Develop action plans for staff members and monitor
	 Introduce post medication check audit with ward managers
Actions outstanding/delayed	Continue to monitor the progress above