

Securing Proper Access to Medicines in the Out-of-Hours Period

Workshop for PCTS and Providers



The aims of this workshop:

This event has been organised to mark the December publication of *Delivering the Out-of-Hours Review: Securing Proper Access to Medicines in the Out-of-Hours Period*.

The independent review of GP Out-of-Hours Services (the Carson Review) recommended that: *'Other than in exceptional circumstances, patients should be able to receive the medication they need at the same time and in the same place as the out-of-hours consultation'*. This workshop will help PCTs and providers of out-of-hours services implement the approach set out in the December guidance and, in that way, fulfil the recommendation of the Carson Review.

This new approach to the supply of medicines out-of-hours is certainly challenging but, while the same standards will apply across the country, the manner in which they are delivered will be different in each locality. Drawing on the experience of Primary Care Trusts across the country, the workshop will look at existing schemes and experience and, in this way, explore the professional, clinical and operational issues that arise when designing, developing and implementing a local out-of-hours medicine supply service.

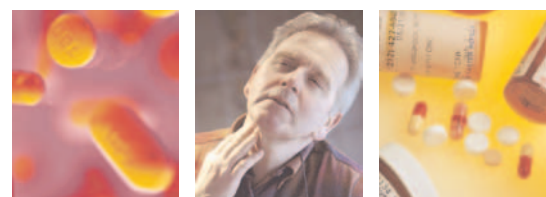
The workshop will explore:

- the background and policy context for this particular part of the implementation of the out-of-hours (Carson) Review.
- the characteristics of the current situation which often make it difficult for patients to achieve prompt and easy access to the urgent medicines they require in the out-of-hours period.
- share a range of innovative solutions which local health communities have already developed to ensure that patients are able to achieve prompt access to urgent medicines in the out-of-hours period.
- involve participants in clarifying their own Action Plans for taking this particular agenda forward, enabling them better to understand their own individual role and the range of organisations and individuals that will be able to support them.

Who should attend?

Primary Care Trust Prescribing advisers, Out-of-Hours or Primary care leads
Strategic Health Authority Prescribing, Out-of-Hours or Primary Care leads
Out-of-Hours Provider Prescribing / Medicines Leads

Individuals with specific responsibilities for improving out-of-hours access to medicines



What you will gain from this workshop:

The workshop will give you the knowledge and understanding to enable you to develop and implement effective solutions to the provision of out-of-hours medicines. You will be introduced to a support network and will receive materials and literature to support the information that is presented during the workshop.

Workshop Details:	Date:	Wednesday 26th January 2005
	Duration:	10.00am to 3.30pm
	Venue:	Royal Pharmaceutical Society, London

To book your place: Please complete the following registration form and return electronically to: Karen.hatch@clha.nhs.uk or fax it to: 01772 220269 or alternatively if you have a password, book your place through the North West Medicines Management website on: <http://www.mmnetwork.nhs.uk>

Workshop Registration Form

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