

**The Nerve Centre
Neurological Reference Group**

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| Date issue raised | 02/03/09 | PROGRESS TRACKER - DETAIL SHEET | | Reference number | 09-001 |
| Name of issue | Self medication of in-patients | | | | |
| Description of issue | | | Response | | |
| <p>People with neurological conditions are often reliant on medication being taken at precise times. Traditionally, drugs rounds in hospitals are carried out at set times. Taking medication at times to suit the organisational routines of the ward can result in serious consequences for the neurological patient.</p> <p>Campaigns to ensure medication is available at correct times have been carried out by national charities (e.g. Parkinson's Disease "get it on time!" campaign.)</p> <p>We sought assurance that in-patients are able to self medicate and that suitable facilities are available to allow this to happen</p> | | | <p>Juliet chambers has spoken to Karen Guy. The policy on self medication has now been reviewed by the board and a new training initiative is being rolled out, with each ward having a "champion".</p> <p>Experiences of patients, whether good or bad relating to self medication or getting medication on time are required, so that it can be ensured that best practice is being followed.</p> | | |
| Agreed action | | Person responsible | Target date | Confirmation of implementation/ evidence | |
| Any cases of in patient medication taking that come to the Nerve Centre's attention will be passed to Karen Guy | | Patient supported by NC | As soon as information available | Follow up of actual experiences going forward | |

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| 09-001 | 02/03/09 | Self medication for in-patients | Policy reviewed/ training being delivered | Experiences, good or bad, to be fed back | - | | GREEN |
| 09-002a | 02/03/09 | No feedback from LTC Summit | Delays acknowledged. plans for new strategy | Event in June or later to launch new broad strategy | JC | | - RED - |
| 09-002b | 27/04/09 | How will LTC event be publicised? | Advertising in clinics, specialist nurses etc | unknown | | | AMBER |
| 09-003 | 27/04/09 | Commissioning of services | Kirklees council and NHS in discussion re PPI | Rules need to be followed, NC in good position. May be asked to cover other long term conditions (!) | JC and Kirklees | | AMBER |
| 09-004 | 02/03/09 | Future of Barton Centre | Paper written about solutions. Board approval required (Target date?) | Neurology centre seen as the ideal. Research into Walton Centre and Woodlands to be carried out | JC | | AMBER |
| 09-005 | 02/03/09 | Hydrotherapy pool not available | Pool closed at times when no therapist available. Possible solutions, eg Kirklees warm pool with assistants specially trained pool. PALS also may be involved | Firm proposal is needed to move this issue ahead | JC | | - RED - |

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| 09-006 | 27/04/09 | Morbidity/ Reed codes - how many cases of neurological conditions and how is planning of services done if this is not known? | JC will look at most efficient way, GP AND OUTPATIENT CLINICS have figures, but no means to eliminate overlaps | NC has compiled figures from various sources – offer of King's Fund researchers to address issue. There are costs attached | NC/JC | | - RED - |
| 09/007 | 27/04/09 | Annual Patient Review – we believe this may not be in place in all cases – what steps are being taken to implement and sustain this and how is the quality and value of the review to be confirmed? | A system for monitoring/ logging official care plans is being piloted at the current time. The care plans will include patient involvement and feedback in a sample of cases | | | | AMBER |
| 09-008 | | | | | | | |