

Education and Training Committee, 6 June 2013

Update on standards for prescribing

Executive summary and recommendations

Introduction

Chiropodists/podiatrists, physiotherapists and radiographers can all currently complete post-registration training to become supplementary prescribers.

In July 2012, the Department of Health announced that medicines legislation would be changed to allow appropriately trained chiropodists/podiatrists and physiotherapists to become independent prescribers.

We had expected that the legislation to allow this to happen would be implemented by the end of May 2013. This has now been delayed and we currently expect the legislation to be implemented in August 2013. We will publish the standards for prescribing once the legislation has been implemented.

Decision

This paper is to note, no decision is required.

Background information

The Committee has previously considered several papers on independent prescribing. The most recent was at the Committee meeting in March 2013:
www.hpc-uk.org/assets/documents/10003F10Enc07-standardsforprescribingMarch2013.pdf

Resource implications

None from this paper.

Financial implications

None from this paper.

Appendices

None

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