



## Friends of Alexandra Surgery / Patient Participation Group

### Virtual meeting

Focus: Medical audit at Alexandra Surgery

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As part of our Quality Assurance efforts, we have undertaken a series of audits during 2020 – 2021. These cover both clinical and administrative subjects.

Audits are written up for inspection by Care Quality Commission (CQC), and appraisal of clinicians. All reports are based on cumulative data with no identifiable patient information.

### **What is medical audit?**

Simply put, it is an exercise to self-check whether we have done certain things that we should do.

We may look into **structure**, **process** or **outcome**. Say we want to audit our follow up of patients with high blood pressure:

S: Do we have a working blood pressure monitor in every clinic room?

P: Have we checked everyone's blood pressure in the last year?

O: Is every patient's blood pressure under control?

### **A list of audits completed by the practice**

#### Audits of care

Audit – care of the carers •

Audit – outreach to vulnerable adults •

### Audits of data coding

Audit – coding as CKD of patients with eGFR less than 60 on 3 occasions ♦

Audit – coding as diabetes of patients with HbA1c 48 or higher ♦

### Audits of co-prescribing

Audit – co-prescribing of ACE inhibitors and ARB ♦

Audit – co-prescribing of Clopidogrel and Amlodipine ♦

Audit – co-prescribing of Simvastatin and Amlodipine ♦

Audit – co-prescribing of Simvastatin and Diltiazem ♦

### Audits of monitoring of high-risk medication

Audit – monitoring of Amiodarone prescribing (2020 and 2021) •

Audit – monitoring of Azathioprine prescribing (2020 and 2021) •

Audit – monitoring of Carbimazole prescribing in women of childbearing age ♦

Audit – monitoring of Citalopram /Escitalopram prescribing for age over 65 years ♦

Audit – monitoring of DOAC prescribing (2021 and 2021) •

Audit – monitoring of Lithium prescribing •

Audit – monitoring of Methotrexate prescribing (2020) ○

Audit – monitoring of Methotrexate prescribing (2021) ♦

Audit – monitoring of Modafinil prescribing in women of childbearing age ♦

Audit – monitoring of opiates co-prescribing with 'at risk' medication ♦  
(benzodiazepines, 'Z' drugs, gabapentinoids)

Audit – monitoring of psychotic medication ♦

Audit – monitoring of Valproate prescribing in women of childbearing age  
(2020 and 2021) ♦

Audit – monitoring of Warfarin prescribing ♦

### Audits of medication reviews

Audit – review of benzodiazepines, 'Z' drugs, gabapentinoids prescribing ♦

Audit – review of SABA high usage over 12 months ♦

Audit – review of topical corticosteroid long term usage ♦

### Audits of practice organisation

Audit – DNAR records in palliative care patients ♦

Audit – equity of access to consultations during the pandemic •

Audit – infection prevention and control •

## Audits of screening

- Audit – bowel cancer screening uptake •
- Audit – breast cancer screening uptake •
- Audit – cervical cytology screening uptake •

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