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Title
‘Just in Case 4 Core Drugs’ Prescribing Booklet and Pack: The clinical and strategic impact of generic documentation for anticipatory prescribing at the end of life

Background (94)
The End of Life (EoL) Care Strategy (2008) recommends that consistent ‘co-ordination of care’ and ‘delivery of high quality services in all locations’ is essential across a healthcare economy. Due to historical development and redesign of community services within a large healthcare economy in the North West of England, we found ourselves with three different community policies for anticipatory medication at the EoL and five different prescription and authorisation forms. Collaborative working is essential to develop consistent EoL care to provide the highest standard of care and minimising potential risk in all care settings.

Aim (25)
To assess the clinical impact of generic documentation for ‘Just in Case 4 Core Drugs’ (JiC4CD) anticipatory prescribing at the EoL across a healthcare economy.

Method (89)
A multi-disciplinary group of clinical experts from all the key stakeholder organisations within the healthcare economy reviewed the existing processes and documentation, and an ideal clinical pathway was agreed. A Task and Finish group designed and implemented new documentation in line with this pathway, including:

• prescribing guidance
• single prescription and authorisation booklet
• JiC4CD pack (issued from community, hospital and hospice pharmacies)
• audit form
Audit forms were completed by the primary healthcare team and returned to a single named person for analysis using simple statistical methodology.

Results (51)
The clinical impact of the JiC4CD booklet and pack was demonstrated with regard to:
• EoL symptom control
• prescribing and administration clinical incidents
• crisis domiciliary visits and unplanned hospital admissions
• place of death
• carer satisfaction
• healthcare professional satisfaction
Facilitating factors and barriers to implementation are discussed.

**Conclusion (41)**
Single generic documentation for JiC4CD anticipatory medications across a healthcare economy not only has a positive impact on individual patients, but the process also demonstrated benefits of cross-organisational partnership collaboration to achieve ‘high quality care for all adults at the EoL’.

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