

Medicines of Limited Clinical Value Survey Results

Background

NHS England (NHSE) ran a consultation on medicines with limited clinical value from December 2017 to March 2018, to produce a consistent, national framework for CCGs to use. Following NHSE's consultation, Wolverhampton CCG's Governing Body requested that we engage with our local population on their thoughts around implementing the actions from the consultation.

We set up a survey to ask people their views on reviewing medicines with low clinical effectiveness. The survey (**see Appendix 1**) comprised of six questions and its complete results are shown in Appendix 1.

Methods of engagement with Wolverhampton public

We promoted the survey by emailing our Patient Partners with long term conditions and posting paper surveys with a freepost envelope for return.

We visited two groups across the city to do some targeted engagement.

The survey was open for a four week period from 25 August – 25 September.

93 people completed the survey.

Results

Q1. Do you agree that these medicines of Limited Clinical Value (LCV) should be reviewed by health professionals and changed to a better alternative resulting in savings for the NHS?

A. 90% of respondents agree that medicines of limited clinical value should be reviewed by a health professional and changed to a better alternative.

Q2. If yes, how do you think is the best way to engage with the patients who will have their current medicines reviewed?

A. 57 out of 93 people said the best way to engage with patients is to invite the patient for a review with the health professional and explain the change(s). 19 people said the health professional should review the patient's notes and if there is any change(s), they should make the change(s) and send the patient a letter of explanation. If the patient has any further questions they should then have the option to see a health care professional.

Q3. Doxazosin is a medication to treat high blood pressure and/or for an enlarged prostate. There are two types of tablets available – prolonged-release tablets and immediate-release tablets. The prolonged-release tablets are six times the cost of the immediate-release tablets but there are no identifiable benefits as they both tablets can be taken once daily. How do

you think is the best way to engage with patients when changing patients from the prolonged-release medication to the immediate-release medication?

A. 53 people said the best way to engage with these patients is to invite them for a review with a health professional and explain the change(s). 23 people said the health professional should review the patient's notes and if there is any change(s), they should make the change(s) and send the patient a letter of explanation. If the patient has any further questions they should then have the option to see a health care professional.

Q4. Do you consider yourself to have a long term condition?

A. 86% of respondents consider themselves to have a long term condition.

Q5. Please tick your age group.

A. 1 (1%) respondent was aged 19-39
11 (13%) respondents were aged 40-59
76 (86%) respondents were aged 60+

The majority of respondents were 60+ which is expected for a survey into medication for long term conditions.

Q6. Where were the respondents from?

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WV3	16
WV4	8
WV6	9
WV8	3
WV10	18
WV11	9
WV14	2

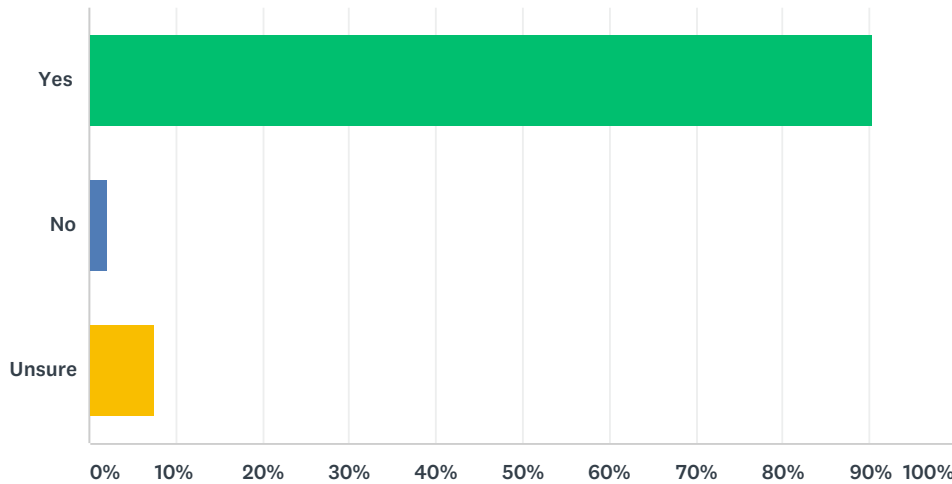
We had a good spread of survey respondents, with all respondents from Wolverhampton. The top two postcodes represented are WV10 and WV3.

Appendix 1

Question summaries

Q1 Do you agree that these medicines of Limited Clinical Value (LCV) should be reviewed by health professionals and changed to a better alternative resulting in savings for the NHS?

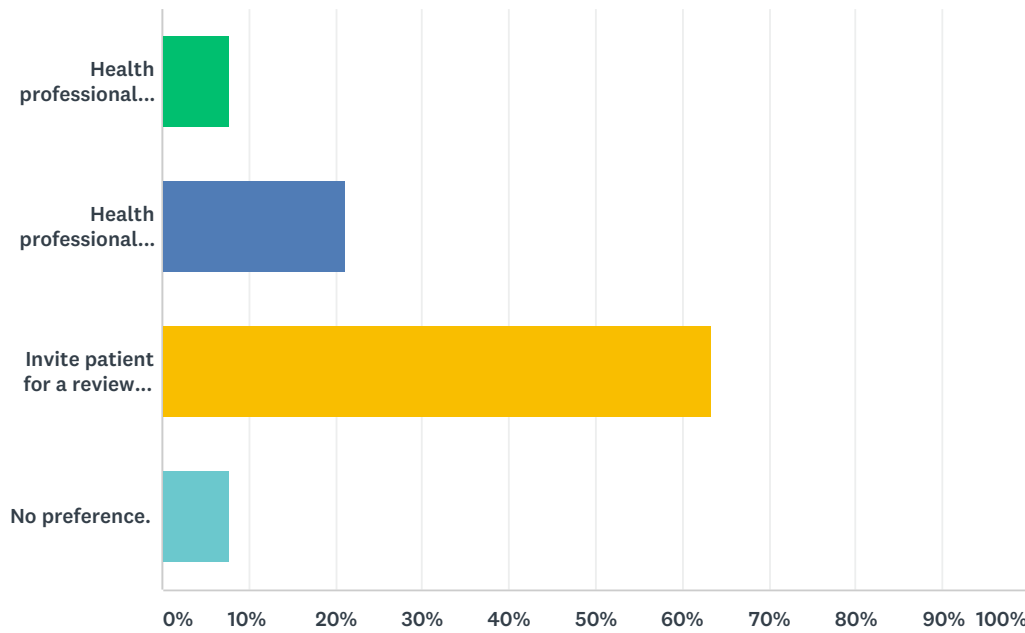
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	90.32%	84
No	2.15%	2
Unsure	7.53%	7
TOTAL		93

Q2 If yes, How do you think is the best way to engage with the patients who will have their current medicines reviewed?

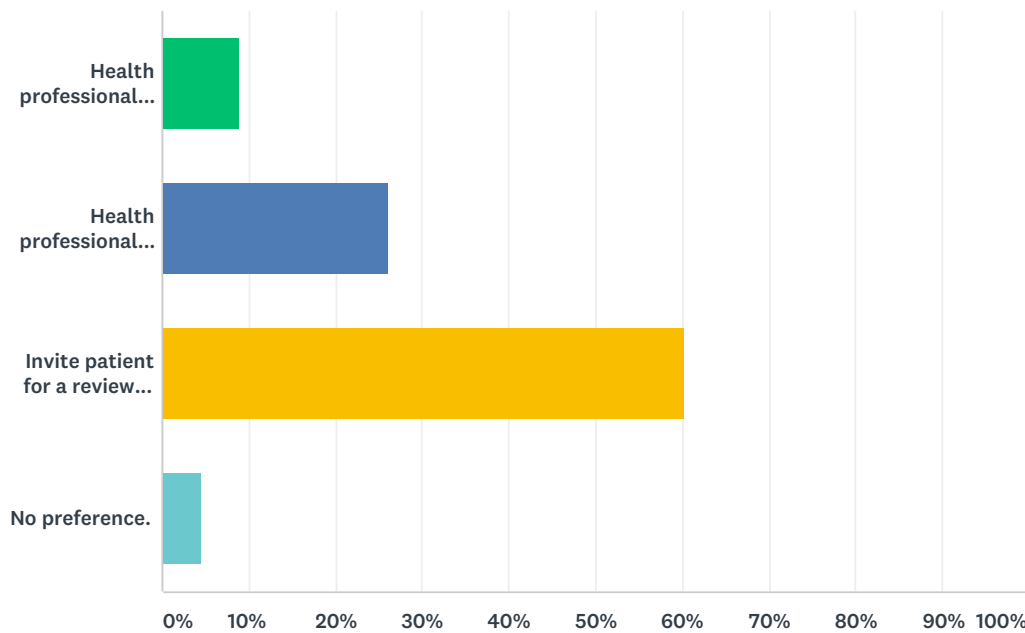
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Health professional to review the patient's notes. If any change(s), they make the change(s) and add a note and leaflet to the next prescription to explain the change(s).	7.78%	7
Health professional to review the patient's notes. If any change(s), they make the change(s) and send the patient a letter of explanation. If the patient has any further questions they will have the option to see the health care professional.	21.11%	19
Invite patient for a review with the health professional and explain the change(s).	63.33%	57
No preference.	7.78%	7
TOTAL		90

Q3 Doxazosin is a medication to treat high blood pressure and/or for an enlarged prostate. There are two types of tablets available – prolonged-release tablets and immediate-release tablets. The prolonged-release tablets are six times the cost of the immediate-release tablets but there are no identifiable benefits as they both tablets can be taken once daily. How do you think is the best way to engage with patients when changing patients from the prolonged-release medication to the immediate-release medication?

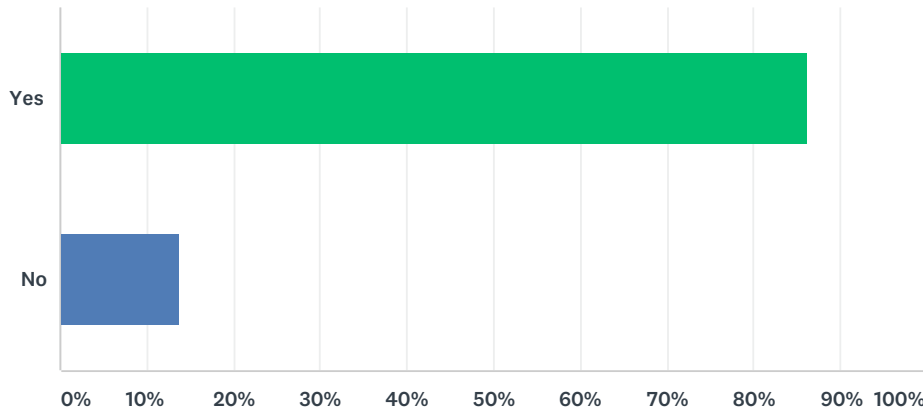
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Health professional to review the patient’s notes. If any change(s), they make the change(s) and add a note and leaflet to the next prescription to explain the change(s).	9.09%	8
Health professional to review the patient’s notes. If any change(s), they make the change(s) and send the patient a letter of explanation. If the patient has any further questions they will have the option to see the health care professional.	26.14%	23
Invite patient for a review with the health professional and explain the change(s).	60.23%	53
No preference.	4.55%	4
TOTAL		88

Q4 Do you consider yourself to have a long term condition?

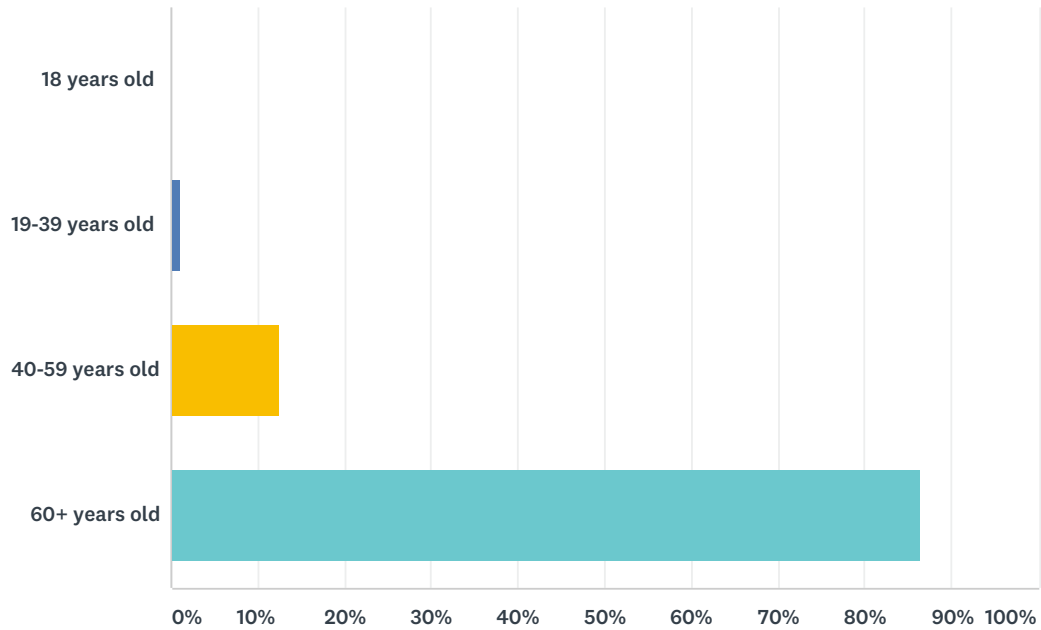
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	86.21%	75
No	13.79%	12
TOTAL		87

Q5 Please tick your age group.

Answered: 88 Skipped: 5



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
18 years old	0.00% 0
19-39 years old	1.14% 1
40-59 years old	12.50% 11
60+ years old	86.36% 76
TOTAL	88

Q6 Please enter the first three digits of your postcode. e.g WV1

Answered: 76 Skipped: 17