



Electronic Prescription Service Release 2

Refresher Training for Dispensing Staff

Introduction

The EPS Team at HSCIC, in conjunction with NHS BSA, PMR Suppliers and Local LPCs, are hosting a series of free EPS Release 2 Evening Training Events for all dispensing site staff across England.

EPS currently enables prescribers - such as GPs and practice nurses - to send prescriptions electronically to a dispenser (such as a pharmacy) of the patient's choice; their 'nominated' dispenser. Electronic prescriptions currently account for around a quarter of all prescriptions issued in England.

How do I book on an event?
Email your name, job title, PMR system, dispenser address and the event date to epstraining@hscic.gov.uk

In the future, EPS will become the default option for prescribing, dispensing and reimbursement of prescriptions in primary care in England. Paper prescriptions will continue to be available for special circumstances, but the vast majority of prescriptions will be processed electronically. It will no longer be mandatory for patients to nominate a specific dispenser in order for their prescription to be processed electronically. Patients will be able to choose what works best for their personal circumstances, with nomination remaining for the many patients where it clearly delivers benefits.

What will be covered?

There will be 3 main sections to the evening events:

1. System training specific to your PMR system around how to use EPS Release 2
2. Business process change and how to get the best out of EPS, including business continuity
3. Claiming & Endorsing Masterclass presented by NHS Business Services Authority

Why should I attend?

This is a unique opportunity to undertake EPS training specific to your PMR system as well as gaining an advanced level of understanding of how to make the EPS system work for you and how to avoid the pitfalls of electronic claiming and endorsing.

Hopefully, you will agree that as the numbers of electronic prescriptions continue to grow and with future plans for EPS to be the default method for prescribing, this is the ideal time to dedicate an evening to training.

Food will be provided on the evening as well as an information pack for each attendee, including information from HSCIC, PMR Suppliers and NHS BSA.

There will also be ample opportunity to ask questions of the experts delivering the sessions.