



Community Pharmacy
Cheshire and Wirral



SERVICE SUMMARY

Alcohol Service

Wirral

Summary

- To support the reduction in the level of alcohol related harm within the community
- To provide advice to patients drinking at increasing risk levels
- To increase the number of referrals to WWTR service of those patients that have been identified as being at risk from their alcohol use
- To support Wirral Public Health to increase awareness within the local population to the associated health risks linked to alcohol use

How to Deliver

The pharmacy will need to access walk in patients using the AUDIT alcohol assessment tool. The Pharmacist/trained staff member will initially undertake an AUDIT-C (AUDIT Consumption) questionnaire with the patient. This will indicate whether an individual is potentially drinking at increasing or higher risk levels, but does not indicate alcohol dependence.

For patients scoring 5 or more, the pharmacist/trained staff member will continue and complete the remaining seven questions of the full AUDIT to obtain a total final AUDIT score. If a patient's total final AUDIT score remains below 7 (lower risk category), congratulate the patient on the benefits of lower risk drinking.

If a patient's total final AUDIT score lies within 8-15 (increasing risk category), a brief advice/intervention should be carried out using the 2-sided Brief Advice Tool.

If a patient's total final AUDIT score is above 16 (high risk drinking category) then with patient consent, an automated referral is made to WWTR.

How to Qualify/DoC

Annual training event(s) or additional refresher sessions for delivery of the service will be arranged by WWTR depending on need or for new pharmacies delivering the AUDIT service for the very first time.

The Pharmacy must adhere to their company standard operating procedure written in line with the National Guidelines for the delivery of Alcohol Identification & Brief Advice (IBA)

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How/When to Claim

Payment for participating pharmacies will be made monthly, retrospectively on submission of monthly monitoring data. In order to qualify for payment, complete patient AUDIT records must be submitted (onto the PharmOutcomes database) in line with the following timescales:

Monthly deadline of the 5th for the previous month's completed AUDITs

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