



HEPMA Newsletter

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The exciting new electronic clinical system that will replace current paper prescribing and medication administration systems across 80 North of Scotland hospitals

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Welcome

to the North of Scotland (NoS) HEPMA and PSC Newsletter

... a regular update on work, progress and developments of the Implementation Programme and regional service

We hope you find this newsletter informative, engaging and relevant to you

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A single integrated common drug catalogue will provide a foundation for the NoS HEPMA solution

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HEPMA

What is HEPMA?

HEPMA is the new electronic prescribing and medicines administration system that will replace the paper based systems currently in use within North of Scotland Hospitals.

The WellSky HEPMA software is a web-based application, meaning it will be accessible to healthcare professionals from any device (PC, laptop, tablet) that is connected to the secure NHS network.

Why is HEPMA being implemented?

Improvement in patient safety is the key driver for the HEPMA implementation.

The HEPMA system will provide a range of significant clinical, safety, informatics and management benefits to prescribing and administration of medicines, which would not otherwise be achieved using our current paper based systems.

Who is involved?

The Scottish Government are supporting a regional approach to implementing HEPMA across the NoS hospitals.



Grampian



Orkney



Eileanan Siar
Western Isles



Tayside



Highland



Shetland

Why the regional approach?

After considering a number of options it was agreed that collaboration would bring many benefits especially around sharing of resources during the design and build phase of implementation, and as part of the support model.

These are developed around conventional regional boundaries and existing governance structures for regional working and shared services.

In addition, the regional model was considered to be the most desirable in terms of strategic fit.

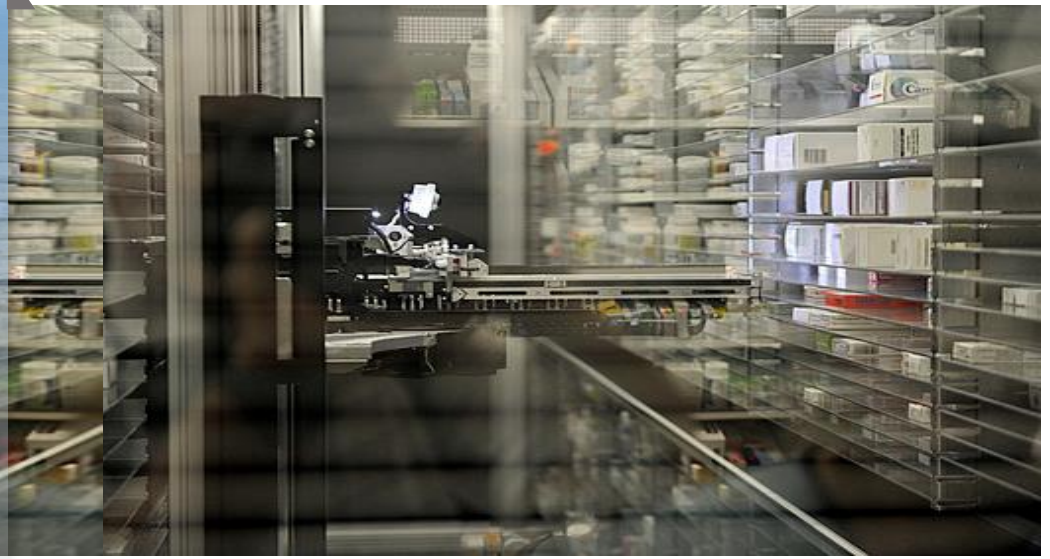
What are the benefits of HEPMA?

The HEPMA solution will provide benefits to patients and staff, such that patients receive the best level of care possible.

The specific benefits of HEPMA that contribute to improved patient safety include:

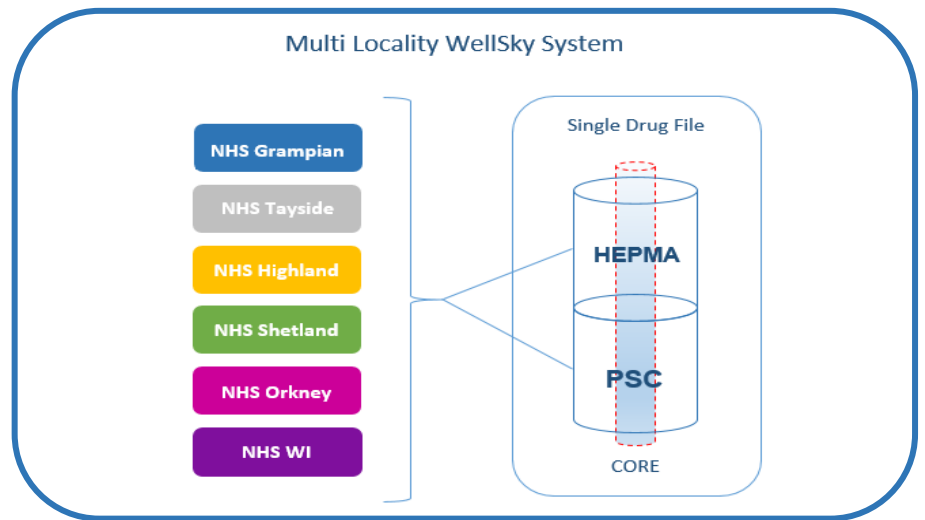
- Reduction in errors in prescribing and medicines management through increased legibility and accuracy
- Increased clinical decision support, for example allergy and interaction checking
- Reduction in prescribing transcription
- Remote access to patients' prescription and medicines administration records
- A range of reports will be available e.g. prescribing prevalence and omitted doses

Pharmacy Stock Control



Currently, individual health boards have independent pharmacy stock control systems. In order to deploy a NoS HEPMA solution, a regional pharmacy stock control system supported by a single NoS drug file is required. Six individual systems are to be aligned and integrated into a NoS Pharmacy Stock Control (PSC) system to enable a single stock management and medicine purchasing solution.

The WellSky 2020 NoS PSC solution is a single integrated common drug catalogue with supplier and patient files, which will provide a foundation for the implementation of the NoS HEPMA solution. Together, this will replace current paper based processes from prescribing and medicines administration activities.



Programme Timeline



Meet the Team

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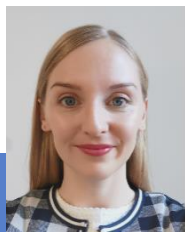


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I graduated in Pharmacy from The Robert Gordon's University Aberdeen in 2002 and worked in Edinburgh and then Aberdeen, where I specialised in cancer care for 15 years, latterly as Systemic Anti-Cancer Lead Pharmacist and as a Non-Medical Prescriber. Through my roles in cancer I became interested in electronic prescribing, its ability to improve patient safety, quality of prescribing and patient care.

I joined the HEPMA programme in February 2020. When I reflect on my first year the highlight is, without doubt, the new collaborative working relationships that the regional team and my Pharmacy, eHealth, Project Management and Finance colleagues across the region have developed under very difficult circumstances to enable the implementation of NoS Pharmacy Stock Control System to progress.

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