

Quality and Risk Management Group

Highlights

From the meeting held in October 2022

Accessing QRMG guidance and advice

Don't forget that all QRMG guidance and advice has moved from the SPS website to the new UK Medicines Information Network page on the FutureNHS Platform.

This can be accessed here: <https://future.nhs.uk/UKMedsInfoNetwk/grouphome> (free registration required). Most of the QRMG material sits under the 'Running a Service' section.

The [QRMG welcome feedback](#) on the structure and format of the workspace.

QRMG Membership Changes

After 2 years in the role of Chair, Laura Kearney (Leicester) will be stepping down to be temporarily replaced by Dave Abbott (Leeds). The QRMG would like to highlight the hard work that Laura has put into steering the group and the time and effort has been appreciated. Thank you to Laura for chairing, steering QRMG through a very challenging period for UKMi and the NHS as a whole, and we are very grateful that she will be continuing her involvement in QRMG going forward.

Resources

Porphyria Resources

Following assessment and discussion with the specialist porphyria service in Wales, the [porphyria safe list](#) will be included on the ERL. Individuals are advised to contact the [UK Porphyria Medicines Information Service](#) (UKPMIS) directly if the safe list does not answer their query. It is advised not to use any other porphyria resources due to the need for specialist interpretation. The UKPMIS can be contacted via 029 21842251.

Trip Database

A free version of the [Trip Database](#) is a good alternative to NHS evidence search and will be added to the ERL following assessment. It is advised to check the level of access locally as some Trusts offer Trip Pro advanced access which includes links to full-text articles, additional filtering, and advanced search functions (see [here](#) for a full list of functionality at basic and Pro level).

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Resources not for inclusion on the Essential Resource List and Enquiry Answering Guidelines

National Grey Literature Collection

Following assessment, this resource will not be added to the list of recommended resources as it adds no additional value to existing resources that the QRMG already recommend. Information on how to search for and locate grey literature can be found in the [Internet Searching for Medicines Information Staff](#) document.

Other QRMG Work

Work in Progress

Key Performance Indicators

KPIs for MI services are currently under review.

Tertiary Resources

A document comparing tertiary resources that may be accessible either through MI subscriptions or through wider organisation subscriptions will be published shortly.

Essential Resources Survey

There will shortly be a survey circulated requesting your views on the ERL's new format. When the link is available, please take the opportunity to tell us what you think.

Incident Reporting in Medicines Information Scheme (IRMIS)

Please continue to report any near misses or errors your centre may experience. These can be valuable learning tools for the wider network. Reports can be made [here](#).

The latest IRMIS report is available [here](#) (you will need to be logged in), and will also be disseminated separately. Previous reports, as well as the IRMIS PowerPoint template for local adaptation can also be accessed via this link.

Key recommendations from the latest report:

- The Enquiry Answering Guidelines should be referred to when receiving, researching and answering questions relating to medicines.
- When copying and pasting information into MiDatabank, re-read to ensure it is correct.
- Try to allocate uninterrupted time to carefully read written responses.

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