



**REF PH409**

To all Community Pharmacies in the Wessex area

Dear Colleague,

**Pharmacy practice-based audit**

I refer to my previous email PH404 sent 25 June 2018 10:29 below; concerning details of the Valproate Safety Audit launched recently.

Firstly, for the avoidance of doubt this audit is an option for your community pharmacy practice based audit which we would suggest as one you should consider undertaking, it is not the NHS England directed audit, I hope that clarifies the situation.

Secondly to make you aware, a joint resource on valproate safety for pharmacy teams was launched on 25 June 2018. This was developed by the Community Pharmacy Patient Safety Group and Royal Pharmaceutical Society, in partnership with the other pharmacy bodies represented on the MHRA's Valproate Stakeholder Network (Community Pharmacy Northern Ireland, Community Pharmacy Scotland, Community Pharmacy Wales, Pharmacy Forum Northern Ireland and PSNC). Please see the attached Valproate Safe Supply (Pathway).

The Medication Safety Officers on the CP PSG will be promoting the resource to their pharmacy teams over the next few weeks to support them in their conversations with patients and understanding and implementing the new measures from the MHRA, alongside the MHRA's updated toolkit.

We would appreciate your support in raising awareness of and supporting the valproate audit in community pharmacy.

Kind regards

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