Electronic prescribing

THE ENGLISH EXPERIENCE

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Why move to Electronic Prescriptions

 1.6 million paper presciptions every working day in England Rising by 5% per annum • 70% + are for repeat prescriptions To reduce paper administration significantly over time Dispensers to claim electronically

THE NHS ELECTRONIC PRESCRIPTION SERVICE

How was it developed

- 2 phases Release 1 and 2
 Release 1
 - > Testing the infrastructure
 - > Bar-coding prescriptions
 - Sending electronic message to the 'spine'
 - > Available for downloading in pharmacies
 - No benefit to GP working practices or patients
 - Slow take up by GPs but especially by pharmacists
- I think this is similar to the Scottish electronic prescribing system

Differences between R1 & R2

| Function | EPS R1 now EPS 2 Phase 3 (Deployed Disabled) | EPS R2 Phase 3 |
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| Electronic transmission of prescription data between prescriber and dispenser | Yes | Yes |
| Barcode printed on paper | Yes | Yes (where required) |
| Printing of prescription token | No (paper prescription is still required) | Yes (where required and for Repeat Dispensing) |
| Electronic Repeat dispensing | No | Yes |
| Release/return of prescription message | Yes | Yes |
| Cancellation of prescription | No | Yes |
| Digital signing of prescription messages | No | Yes |
| Patient nomination of preferred pharmacy | No | Yes |
| Electronic reimbursement claim (pharmacy) | No | Yes |

....the move to Release 2

- GP and Pharmacy systems interoperability vital
- All systems developed to similar CFH specification but functionality individual
- Provides enhanced functionality to users
- Tangible benefits for patients, prescribers, dispensers and their staff

EPS 2 – what will it do, potentially

- Save admin time sorting and printing prescriptions
- Save Doctor time signing repeat prescriptions
- Save the patient time having to come to the surgery to collect prescriptions
- Save time looking for lost prescriptions they can't go missing!
- Save huge amounts of resources at the PPD

What won't it do?





EPS preparation

- Ensure Role Based Access Controls (RBAC)in place
 - staff have the correct roles and activities on their smartcard
- Have a robust & well organised Repeat Authorisation system
 - Review repeat prescribing processes
 - Consider implications of an electronic system on the practice
 - Ensure that all repeat items are synchronised to a single review date if possible
 - > All items for similar duration, eg 1 month or 2
 - > This is good practice anyway!

EPS Preparation

Staff training and awareness in advance vital

- Drug Dictionary must be updated to dm+d
- Bulk reauthorisation of all repeat masters to the new drug dictionary is required before go live

dm+d Drug Dictionary

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Consultation Manager - Select Drug

EPS R2 Benefits for Patients

- Will reduce visits to GP practice to collect prescriptions
- Patients have more choice of pharmacy
 - > can use one closer to home/work
- Can reduce pharmacy waiting times
 - pharmacy able to prepare prescriptions in advance of the patient arriving
- Less return visits to pharmacy for owings
- Less paper

EPS R2 – benefits for Dispensers

Saves time –

- > no re-keying of prescription information
- reduced time collecting scripts from GP surgeries
- Medications can be prepared in advance, at quiet times
- Improved stock control
 - order in what is required less owings
- Electronic submission to pricing authority

EPS R2 – benefits to Prescribers

- Reduced workload for GPs & Staff how?
- Bulk signing of repeat prescriptions with a single electronic signature
- Less paper / Savings on laser consumables
- Less patients visiting surgery to collect scripts
 - > Reduced footfall at reception

EPS R2 – benefits to Prescribers

Electronic Repeat Dispensing – the key attraction! (more later.....) This means less patients ordering scripts Less staff time processing them Less GP time signing themUTOPIA



Bulk Signing



All Prescriptions - Authorised

Bulk Signing

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EPS R2 Benefits to prescribers

- Electronic attachments to prescription requests
 - > Reauthorisation of scripts
 - Additional items requested by patients

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EPS R2 – benefits to Prescribers

Full audit trail of scripts – no lost FP10s
No need for patients to send in SAE
Possibility of working remotely
Last minute prescriptions

Could send script to a pharmacy 5 minutes before closing time

 Quicker for prescribers and staff to process prescriptions

EPS R2 – Benefits for Prescribers

 Staff can easily assign scripts to other doctors for bulk signature, if absent

Prescribers can easily sign other GPs prescriptions, if they so wish, from the bulk signing screen

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EPS R2 – acutes or repeats?

• Either!

- Can electronically sign and send prescriptions during surgery
 - > no printing, no paper
- Can combine acutes and repeats if patient wishes, during consultation

Paper or Electronic

- System automatically decides how the prescription items are issued
 - > Electronic
 - > Electronic + token
 - > Paper
- Possible for 1 patient to receive a mixture of printed and electronic items because
 - Controlled drugs not yet included
 - Private prescriptions not included eg Viagra
 - Non dm+d items will not be sent electronically
 - In these circumstances, paper FP10 will be printed
- Items ordered at the same time could be sent by both means
 - Practice needs to decide how to manage this scenario.
 - Might decide best to send all by paper? Or not?

EPS R2 implementation

- Phased approach
- System suppliers must get 'full roll out approval' – strict conformance criteria
- National roll out approval for pharmacies
- PCT by PCT roll out for GP practices
- Initial pairings of pharmacy and GP practice in early pilot testing

EPS R2 – implementation

- Vital to maintain patient choice of pharmacy
- What goes in must come out....
 - > Clinical safety is paramount
 - > Essential in testing no margin for error
- Initially electronic scripts can only be sent to a 'nominated' dispenser (more later....)

Release 2 Functionality

Nomination



Advanced Electronic Signatures

Electronic cancellation

Electronic repeat dispensing

Electronic submission of reimbursement endorsements

Advanced Electronic Signature

Unique to individual users
Need to use NHS Smartcard



- The application of electronic signature to an electronic message turns it into a legal electronic prescription
- Ability to sign multiple electronic prescriptions with a single signature (PIN)

Apply Advanced Electronic Signature

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EPS R2 – who can sign?

all prescribers working in a GP practice setting, in primary care
 with the appropriate activity assigned within their user role profile
 Non clinical staff will NOT have signing rights assigned to their smartcards
 but can prepare and produce repeat

prescriptions

Prescription & Dispensing tokens

- Paper copies of electronic prescriptions are called tokens
 - > NOT hand signed and are NOT a legal prescription
 - > No hand written amendments are valid
- Need to be made available only in certain circumstances
 - > at GP surgery "prescribing tokens"
 - > at pharmacy "dispensing tokens"



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ERS R2 tokens – when should they be printed?

Start of a repeat dispensing regime
To communicate clinical info to patient
At patient request
If prescriber considers it necessary

Electronic Repeat Dispensing

- Approx 50% of patients in a practice are on repeat prescriptions
- Repeat prescribing accounts for 60-70% of prescribing costs & 80% of script items
- 200 scripts per GP per week average
- ?300 million scripts replaced by repeat dispensing possible, saving 2.7 million hours of GP and staff time

Electronic Repeat Dispensing

The Key to reduced workload for us!!!! Is possible from a single prescription > no batch printing Prescriber authorises prescription with a number of repeat issues as before Once authorised, each subsequent repeat will be automatically sent to the

nominated pharmacy system to download 7 days prior to being due
Electronic Repeat Dispensing

- Patient can request earlier dispensing if required (eg for holidays)
 - providing pharmacist agrees & clinically appropriate

Pharmacy has control

- Prescribing token is automatically issued at the commencement of regime
 - (for several reasons)

Electronic Repeat Dispensing – key benefits

-works MUCH better than paper repeat dispensing
- …changes are easily made
-batch sign until patient needs clinical review
-patient simply turns up to collect each prescription when due
 - it should be ready for collection and complete

Electronic Repeat Dispensing – key benefits

Potential for better co-ordination of care

- > tests, chronic disease management & medication reviews synchronised
- Improving care
- > Reduced number of visits to the practice
- No risk of lost prescriptions as all stored in the system
- As system develops, patient will be able to get next issue dispensed at any EPS 2 enabled pharmacy

Electronic Repeat Dispensing – key benefits

Seamless changes to regime > addition of new medications > Change/cancellation of existing medication Works well for weekly dosette regimes • Fewer paper prescription requests lost Initiating prescriber remains responsible throughout the life of the prescription clinical governance

Nomination

- What is nomination?
- Patient's choice of dispensing contractor
 - Community pharmacy
 - Appliance contractor
 - > Dispensing practice
- Similar to existing prescription collection service
- Nomination is not mandatory & not suitable for all patients

How do we set nomination?

• VERY EASY!

- Similar process in either Pharmacy or GP surgery
- Clinical system creates local picklist to choose from
- Can create, change or cancel very easily, in a moment
- Nomination stored in the national Personal Demographics Service (PDS)

Changing nominated pharmacy during repeat dispensing cycle?

Very easy

- Change the nomination
- All undispensed remaining issues will then be sent to the new pharmacy.

Nothing else to be done

Nomination Process

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Nomination – other key benefits

Pharmacies more involved in patient care, and compliance checking
 GP knows where patient is likely to go for prescriptions – improved communication
 No need to post prescriptions to appliance contractors

EPS R2 Electronic Cancellation

- Users must have cancellation rights on their smartcard (not appropriate for all staff?)
- Prescriptions can be cancelled at any time until dispensed
- System will alert user if cancellation fails for any reason
- System will alert if downloaded by pharmacy but not yet dispensed,
 - with pharmacy details for contact

Nominations

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- Nominations are sent to PDS
- They are not stored in Vision
- Can easily be changed

EPS R2 Electronic Cancellation

- Reason for the cancellation is required in the system
 - > pharmacist not made aware
- Can cancel
 - individual items
 - > the entire prescription
 - a whole repeat dispensing regime, or individual items from it
- Message then sent to the spine
 - > pharmacy cannot then download

Prescriber decides to cancel an electronic prescription/item

Prescriber/authorised staff selects the prescription/item to be cancelled

Prescriber/authorised staff enters reason for cancellation

Prescriber/authorised staff awaits a cancellation response message with three potential outcomes

> Successful response Unsuccessful response No response from system

Electronic Cancellation – key benefits

- Prescriber can cancel and reissue a prescription without patient having to return to practice
- Speed of cancellation process may prevent
 - prescription errors,
 - patient getting incorrect medication
- Medicolegal audit trail of reason for cancellation
- Potentially improved communication between prescriber and dispenser

Electronic cancellation – key benefits

 Prescriber will know which pharmacy has downloaded the script if caught before dispensing, to prevent dispensing

improvement on current paper system.

 Automatic cancellation of all outstanding items when PDS is updated with notification of death

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EPS R2 – Business Continuity

- All systems used to access Electronic Prescription Service must first pass a rigorous testing process
 - > monitored by NHS Connecting for Health
- Practices and PCTs must have business continuity plans in place
- Release 2 enabled practices can still issue a paper FP10
 - in the event, for example, of a power failure

To recap.....

What won't it do?





EPS R2 – preparation....

 It wont turn a disorganised practice into an efficient one

- The key is will be to have a robust and well organised repeat reauthorisation system
- Coupled with use of electronic repeat dispensing

EPS R2 – Key benefits

Extent of benefits depends on

- > proximity of GP, patient and dispenser
- > Volume of repeat prescriptions processed
- Current availability of prescription collection and delivery services
- Potential for use of electronic repeat dispensing

EPS R2 – other key benefits

- Right hand side messages communicated to patients by pharmacist
 - > printed or verbal
- Overall simplification of repeat prescribing process even without repeat dispensing.
- No paper to move round GP practice.

Thank You.....

.....any Questions?

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