



# Medicines Review in Care Homes



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## What the service offers

The service provides specialist support to improve the quality and safety of medicines use for people living in care homes. The service supports:

- Care home residents and staff
- GPs and practice staff
- Buckinghamshire County Council Quality in Care Team (QiCT).

Specifically, the team will:

- Carry out medication reviews and make recommendations on individual resident medication regimes
- Carry out medicines management system and process reviews in collaboration with the care home
- Support care homes in monitoring and improving nutrition
- Work with GPs; practice staff; community geriatricians; community based specialists; clinical commissioning groups; and QiCT to improve outcomes for individual residents
- Share learning and best practice to improve system wide medicines management processes

## Who provides the service

This service is provided by pharmacists and a technician who are part of the Aylesbury Vale and Chiltern Medicines Management Team. The team also includes a dietetic assistant who can assist care homes and GPs with appropriate use of nutritional products.

## How care homes will be selected for support

### 1. Active prioritisation

Care homes will be prioritised for support according to the following criteria:

- Number of non-elective admissions
- Number of reported falls.

For prioritised care homes, the relevant GP surgery and care home will be contacted to offer support from the service.

### 2. Referral

GP surgeries and the QiCT can directly refer care homes to the service. If the Adult Safeguarding Team or a care home would like medicines management support the initial referral should be made to the QiCT.

Referral form for GP surgeries and the QiCT:

[Referral to Medicines Review in Care Homes Service](#)

Homes that are referred will be prioritised using specific criteria. This will take into account any safeguarding or Care Quality Commission (CQC) recommendations. The referrer will be contacted and informed of an anticipated start date

## Requirements

For the service to be able to provide support to a care home the following will be needed:

- A signed Information Sharing Agreement from the GP surgery
- A named GP within the practice for the pharmacist to work with and to action agreed recommendations
- A pre-agreed time commitment from the named GP. This will be to discuss and agree the review process for individual resident medication reviews. The time required will be dependent on the size of the home.

**Support will only be provided if the above requirements are met.**