

The impact of a pharmacy-led campaign on the review and use of PRN medication in a mental health trust in the North East of England



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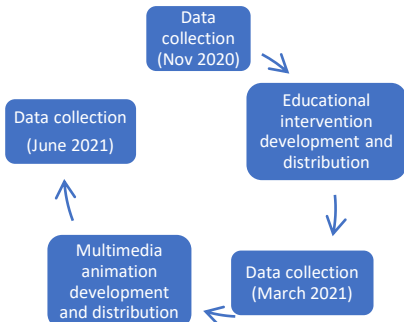
Background

Pro re nata (PRN) medications are given in response to a patient's needs, rather than scheduled for administration regularly. Benefits include increased accessibility and autonomy over treatment choices.(1)

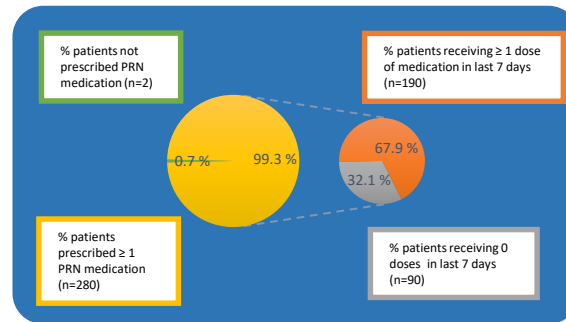
A snapshot audit was undertaken in order to assess and quantify the documentation of review of PRN medications and mitigate against poor practice.



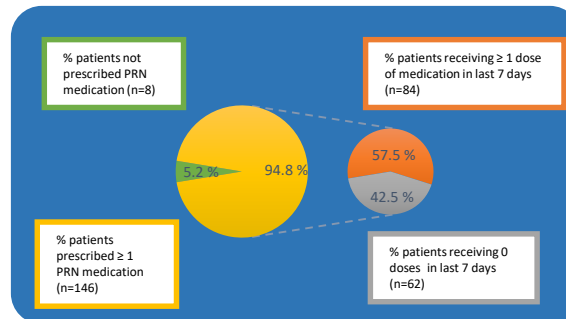
Methodology



Results

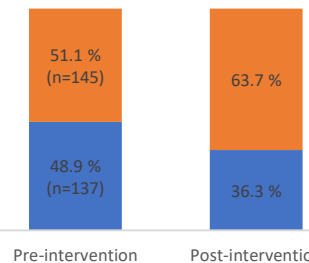


Educational intervention



Review documentation pre and post intervention

■ Documented review ■ No documented review



"Review of ... PRNs aren't documented as reviewed every 7 days"

"PRNs are reviewed more often than they are documented"

"Time consuming"

Conclusions

PRN prescribing decreased, however, as did documentation of review. The review and documentation of PRN medications is a multifactorial process, with this intervention alone, having only targeted the clinical pharmacy team, being insufficient to influence change within wards across sites.

Further work

- Multimedia animation distributed to all staff targeting specific perceived barriers to PRN review.
- Further data collection.

Medication reviews can be a great opportunity to speak to your patients about their medication

