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HEPMA UPDATE

What is HEPMA?

HEPMA is Hospital Electronic Prescribing and Medicines Administration. This is a new digital system that will replace the paper drug chart (kardex) for inpatient areas across NHSGGC.

Doctors and other prescribers will use HEPMA to prescribe medicines for inpatients.

Nurses will use HEPMA to carry out drug rounds and record the administration of medicines to patients.

HEPMA will link with TrakCare for patient demographics and movements.

The WellSky HEPMA system is already in use in several other NHS Boards in Scotland.

What are the benefits?

- More accurate, legible prescriptions
- Clinical decision support: interactions, allergies
- No more re-writing kardexes
- Save time during drug rounds
- Richer information about use of medicines
- Optimised use of medicines
- More consistent medicines practice

Progress update

- Over 32,000 prescriptions and 200,000 administrations have now been recorded on HEPMA
- Over 2,700 users have been set up on HEPMA
- The rollout of HEPMA begins at QEUH on 19th April

HEPMA go-live

- Every week a new group of wards will go live on HEPMA
- Paper drug charts will be transcribed onto HEPMA on Sundays
- Wards will go live in two sections each week: Monday then Wednesday

Support

- The HEPMA eHealth facilitators and Pharmacy team will provide support and training "on the floor" in clinical areas
- After the first week, wards can then seek further support via ServiceNow if required

Rollout order

- QEUH wards will go live over a 14 week period: medicine, surgery, DME, other specialties, Neuro, Obs & Gyn
- The team will then move on to Gartnavel General, Beatson and Victoria
- HEPMA will roll out across NHSGGC as follows: South, North, Clyde, Mental Health, other sites

It's essential that doctors and nurses complete their HEPMA eLearning on LearnPro before their area goes live

If you have questions or suggestions please contact the HEPMA team:

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