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Dear Colleague

RE: PrescQIPP - Practice medicines co-ordinators (PMC) e-learning course for practice staff involved in the repeat prescribing process.

PrescQIPP are an independent, not for profit social enterprise, whose mission is to support quality prescribing in the NHS and help to make sure that treatments prescribed to patients are safe, effective and good value for money. They do this by providing information, guidance and support on prescribing to a large community of NHS professionals.

The course, which we strongly recommend, is aimed at non-clinical staff in GP practices that manage the repeat prescribing process. It is made up of eight bite sized modules which should take around 4 hours in total over several sittings to complete.

The course covers the following topics:

- Medication basics;
- Information sources and requirements for prescriptions;
- Repeat prescribing;
- Care homes and appliance contractors;
- Hospital discharge;
- Formularies, specials and prescribing incentive schemes;
- Community pharmacy services;
- Diabetes, respiratory prescribing and antibiotics.

A certificate is available upon completion of the course, which requires a pass mark of 80% in the final assessment

Participants will need to be logged into the PrescQIPP site to access the course, so that it can record their progress and issue an e-learning certificate. If you do not already have a log in for the PrescQIPP site, you can register at www.prescqipp.info/login/

Please ensure you specify the commissioning area on registration as this may mean you do not have to pay for the course.

1. Log in to www.prescqipp.info
2. Click on the 'PrescQIPP e-learning' link under the 'Learning' menu, then once on the E-learning Hub_click on 'Access e-learning' on the right hand side

3. Find the course 'Practice medicines co-ordinators' and select 'Access course'

Don't forget that you can complete the course over a period of time. To return to the course and pick up where you left off at any time, simply log back into the site and follow the steps above.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shaun Green', written in a cursive style.

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