



PRIMIS case study

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Themes: Quality Improvement, Data Specification and Evaluation

Partners: North Central London Integrated Care Board

Project: PINCER implementation

Title: Continued implementation of PINCER in North Central London

Overview

Following on from the successful implementation of PINCER in North Central London (NCL) as part of the national rollout, the NCL Integrated Care Board (ICB) identified funding to re-launch PINCER in March 2022.

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The NCL team, led by Mandeep Butt and Mairead McErlean, reported that the year-long project has been a great success. There has been an overall decrease in the numbers of patients identified as being at risk of hazardous prescribing, with the largest improvements seen for the monitoring of high-risk drugs and indicators associated with gastro-intestinal bleeds.

As part of the project, PINCER was implemented in all 180 practices across NCL's five boroughs (Barnet, Camden, Enfield, Haringey and Islington). Practices were supported by PRIMIS and a NCL PINCER working group which included nominated leads from each of the boroughs. Pharmacists working in the practices were provided with PINCER training in the form of three Action Learning Sets, delivered by PRIMIS and had access to additional training materials, evidence-based summaries, comparative analysis data and clinical system searches, all made available by PRIMIS in an online PINCER resource area.

One of the practice pharmacists commented: "I found PINCER useful. It was so easy to run the searches every few months and capture patients that needed to be monitored or meds optimised. Helped the practice meet the targets for the year. Searches were very relevant to everyday practice and ensured patient safety."

Following the success of the project, the ICB has secured funding for the continued implementation of PINCER in NCL for another year to further improve prescribing safety in their locality.

For information on PINCER see <https://primis.link/PINCER>

For information on NCL ICB see <https://nclhealthandcare.org.uk/icb/north-central-london-integrated-care-board/>