PINCER is a research proven pharmacist-led IT intervention that has been developed to reduce prescribing errors in primary care. The aim of the project is to spread this proven intervention to at least 150 general practices in the East Midlands region within two years, and to evaluate both the implementation and impact of this.

What does it involve?
1. Searches conducted on GP computer systems to identify patients at risk from common prescribing errors
2. Pharmacists, specifically trained in the PINCER approach, working with each general practice to develop an action plan
3. Pharmacists (and pharmacy technicians) working with and supporting general practice staff to implement the action plan

Implementation
- Total number of CCGs = 9
- Total number of participating practices = 207
- Total list size = 1,664,735
- Number of practices = 207
- Total number of instances of potentially hazardous prescribing = 12,913
- Follow-up searches and retrospective data collection taken place in 34 GP practices

Resources
- PRIMIS
- CHART practice level data
- CHART Online GP practice/CCG level data
- Control charts (Funnel plots)
- Evidence based summary
- Published PINCER papers
- Communication

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