Presentation aims:

• On overview of professional standards
• Update on the NMC’s new standards
• Royal Pharmaceutical Society competency framework
• Future developments, NHS England
What is a standard?

Ethical or legal duty of a **professional** to exercise the level of care, diligence, and skill prescribed in the code of practice of his or her profession, or as other professionals in the same discipline would in the same or similar circumstances.

What is professional standard of care? definition and meaning...

www.businessdictionary.com/definition/professional-standard-of-care.html
Where do standards fit?

Legislation and Regulation
Professional Standards
Best practice
Local policy, protocol and procedures
Patient and public outcomes and experiences
What standards are used for non-medical prescribing

- Regulatory bodies use own professional standards and professional values.

  - HCPC - Allied professions
  - NMC - Nurses & Midwives (1st to adopt RPS framework)
  - GPhC - Pharmacists

- Professional Bodies provide:

  Advice and all have adopted the Royal Pharmaceutical Society competency framework
Why make changes?

- Prescribing is growing!
- Need to evolve to reflect new practice
- NMC need to act more as a regulator
- Allow programmes more freedom to develop own curricula
- More about student outcomes and experience
- Balance theory and practice
Key changes

- V150 no time requirement post registration
- V300 1 year post registration reduced from 3 years
- Entry requirement strengthened, competence, experience and ability to study at level required, RPL accepted (if mapped to RPS competencies)
- Robust governance standards to include self employed students
- Changes to the delivery of learning in practice
- Revised supervision and assessment
- Withdrawal of standards for medicines management
- Welsh language requirements
Structure of the new standards

Part 1: Standards framework for nursing and midwifery education
Part 2: Standards for student supervision and assessment
Part 3: Programme standards (Prescribing)
Standards for prescribing programmes

Programmes must meet all three parts to be validated. This provides assurance that the student can meet the relevant standards of proficiency.
Supervision and assessment

- Removed requirement for Designated Medical practitioner (DMP)
- This role can be carried out by any “suitably” experienced and qualified prescriber.
- Supervisor in practice
- Assessor in practice (this could be the same person for prescribing due to low numbers of prescribers)
- Academic Assessor
- Numeracy (100%) and pharmacology exam (80%) assessments remain
6.0 THE PRESCRIBING COMPETENCY FRAMEWORK

The competency framework (illustrated below) sets out what good prescribing looks like. There are ten competencies split into two domains. Within each of the ten competency dimensions there are statements which describe the activity or outcomes prescribers should be able to demonstrate.

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**THE CONSULTATION**
1. Assess the patient
2. Consider the options
3. Reach a shared decision
4. Prescribe
5. Provide information
6. Monitor and review

**PRESCRIBING GOVERNANCE**
7. Prescribe safely
8. Prescribe professionally
9. Improve prescribing practice
10. Prescribe as part of a team

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Figure 1: The prescribing competency framework
Reflections

• Needs effective partnerships between HEI’s and practice placement partners
• Understanding of requirements of parts 1 and 2 of the standards
• Clear relationship to full adoption of the RPS competency framework
• All current circulars to be withdrawn Jan 2019
• Effective from Jan 2019 (only in validated programmes)
• Transition period completes 2020
Future developments

Further guidance for:
- Cosmetic prescribing
- Remote prescribing
- Pregnancy prescribing
- Child prescribing

Developing cross regulatory guidance with other regulators for:
- Medicines management (RPS leading this work)

Other regulatory bodies to update their standards soon!
Developments: NHS England

**AHP medicines project**
Independent prescribing paramedics and diagnostic radiographers. Restricted list of controlled drugs

**Lists project**
Tidying up of the lists of controlled drugs that can be prescribed plus additions. (Human medicines regulations 2012)

**Exemptions projects**
Dental hygienists & therapists exemptions list

**PDG projects**
Biomedical scientists
Clinical scientists & Operating Department Practitioners
Thank you for your attention

• Any questions?
Useful links

- http://www.hpc-uk.org/aboutregistration/standards/standardsforprescribing/
- https://www.pharmacyregulation.org/standards
- https://www.england.nhs.uk/ahp/about/
- https://www.england.nhs.uk/five-year-forward-view/
- https://www.associationforprescribers.org.uk/