

## OptimiseR Bulletin – No 1 Winter 2020

### WHAT IS OPTIMISER?

OptimiseR integrates drug safety messages to improve safety and reduce hospital admissions due to adverse drug reactions.

OptimiseR supports cost-efficient prescribing by offering cost-saving and quality switches at the point of prescribing, with supporting information and hyperlinks where appropriate.

### HOW IS YOUR PROFILE MANAGED?

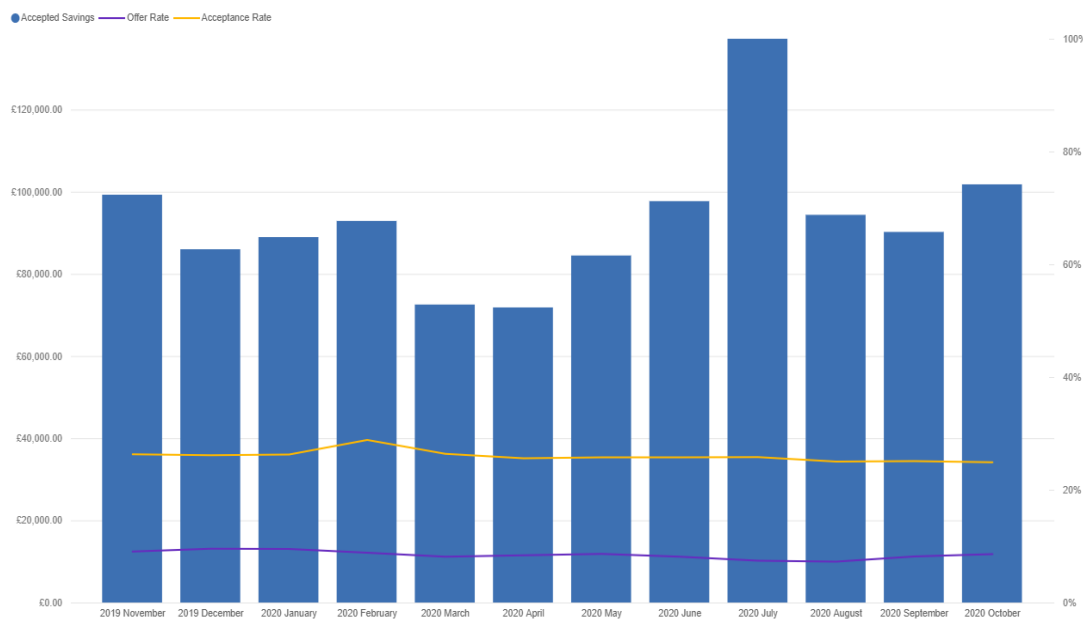
A small team of Medicines Management colleagues meet regularly and manage the profile. New messages are activated, old messages are retired, and local variances are authored where required.

The national profile is constantly monitored and reviewed; please do send feedback to [ddcccq.med.man@nhs.net](mailto:ddcccq.med.man@nhs.net)

### TOP TIPS:

- The profile will be updated to reflect the changes in traffic light classifications; most changes will probably be made towards the end of the financial year
- Message will often open up recommended drugs to prescriber, e.g. prescribing PPIs with NSAIDs – the system can offer a “shortcut” to the prescribing team; by following the prompts it can simplify the prescribing of additional drugs
- Antibiotic messages may not trigger if indication is entered first; e.g. if “dog bite” is entered as a READ code this should suppress the message regarding co-amoxiclav.
- OptimiseR will direct prescribers to the most up-to-date formulary choices for medications which do frequently change on the formulary, e.g. OCPs and emollients
- An EMIS “regime review” will not recognise that medications are on repeat and will sometimes fire false messages

### OPTIMISER PERFORMANCE NOVEMBER 2019 – OCTOBER 2020



### REJECTED MESSAGES

The team are informed of messages inputted by prescribers; we have retired some of the most rejected messages as well as “togglng” some of the self-care messages.

Drops for dry eyes are often prescribed with a reason “recommended by optician”; opticians do not necessarily recommend they are prescribed as opposed to purchase, and the CCG has met with the Local Optician Committee to gain support with our self-care agenda.

### WHAT WE’VE DONE:

- ✓ Disabled messages regarding Depo-Provera and switching to POP; overwhelmingly rejected by prescribers
- ✓ Disabled other messages which are frequently rejected; reducing the “trigger” rate by 2% across the CCG
- ✓ Authored local messages to increase the accuracy of some messages