

Medicines Optimisation Programme Board Annual Report 2018-19

We are a local decision-making group supporting optimisation of medicines use in West Essex. The Board provides a forum to consider issues of clinical and cost effectiveness, needs of the patient and population, local priorities and affordability in the use of drugs and novel approaches to therapy (where there is a drug component) in the prevention and management of disease.

We are a **partnership** representing **9** organisations caring for patients within West Essex



Making **decisions about medicines**

26 NICE clinical guidelines have been considered for medicines

9 NICE TAs have been implemented

16 RMOC policies or guidelines have been considered or implemented

In total **111** decisions about medicines have been made



Lead **patient safety** initiatives

7 MHRA drug safety alerts actioned in Primary Care and Secondary Care

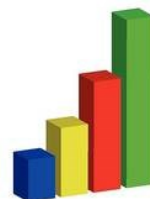
THIRTY new ScriptSwitch messages agreed



Lead introduction of **biosimilars** across West Essex



£3,550 pa for adalimumab to treat rheumatoid arthritis, reduced from £9,250 to release saving to fund specialist pharmacist posts



Thanks to all Board **members** for their commitment

2 training sessions for members

FOUR new members

92 resources added to the [website](#)

Get involved

