Recording of secondary care prescriptions in primary care

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Quality issue / initial problem

Out of practice prescribing is an important safety issue in GP because of

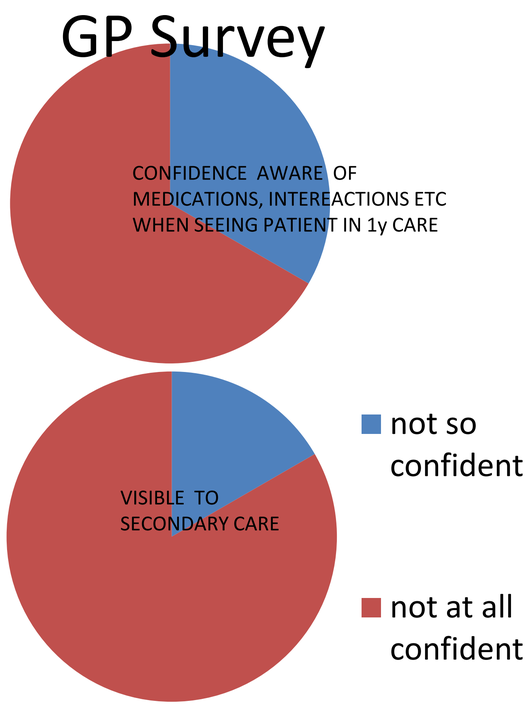
1. potential for GP being unaware of drug complications & interactions if 2y care prescription not recorded in Vision (GP computer record)
2. OOH colleagues and secondary care not having all prescribing information documented on ECS

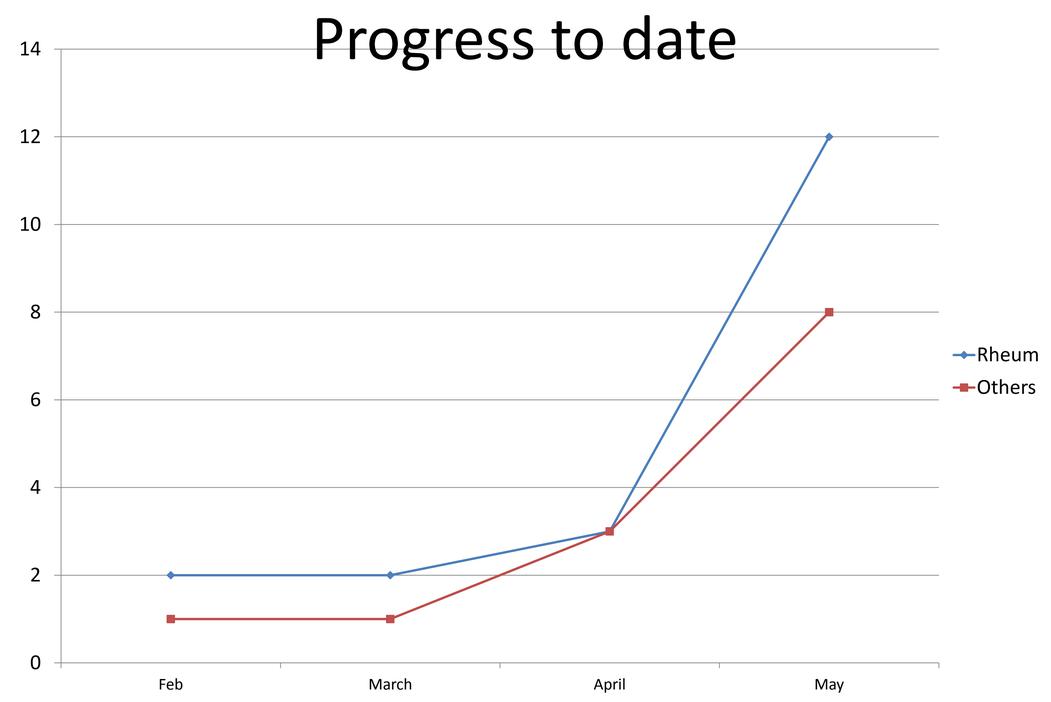
Specific aim

Development of a safe and robust system for recording longterm medication prescribed by secondary care, in the patients' GP record and Electronic Care Summary.

Measurement of improvement

-Colleagues survey
-Rheumatology upload
-Colleagues now forwarding discharge and out patient documentation to pharmacist for upload as required to ECS





Tests of change

•Test 1 – identifying rheumatology patients on biological agents
• Test 2 – forwarding discharge and out patient documentation to pharmacist

Tools

• Survey monkey
•Process mapping
•Driver diagram

Effects of change

Actual effect – **Increased numbers of patients** with 2y care meds noted in ECS/ Vision
Sustainable if we continue to have pharmacy support.
Team engagement with safety project

Lessons learned and message for others

Multiple challenges, especially IT
New information stream between 1y &2y care, improves safety, could be rolled out to other practices and to other specialities
Significant administrative and clinical burden – needs central funding

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