

Influence Panel feedback

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Antibiotic passports – Nick Medway and Carley Tomlinson (LCC)

Question 1: Would you use this booklet?

- The majority of panellists would be at least willing to try using the passports if they were given them by their doctor.
 - “I think it would really help me and act as a reminder of what I have had.”
- A similar scheme is already in existence called ‘My Medical Passport’ and this could be a better solution as it covers all medication, not just antibiotics
- However there were negative comments including:
 - The passport could get lost – “I would intend to use it but it would probably never be in the bag I was carrying”
 - There is an over-reliance on the patient to make sure it is filled in
 - There could be long periods of time between incidences of antibiotic prescription
 - What happens if a doctor asks to see the passport and the patient has forgotten to take it to their consultation?

Question 2: What would you like to see in terms of information? Eg web links or written info?

- A comments box needs to be available for patients to write in, eg to say a certain type of medication made them feel bad
- Factfiles on antibiotic prescribing and why efforts to reduce prescriptions is necessary
- Needs to be made clear that the passport is not replacing their patient record and is merely an extra document to help with their medication
- A section explaining what other regular medication the patient is already taking
- Facility for the tear-off slip from repeat prescriptions to be inserted/stuck into the book

Question 3: Would this book help you to enter into conversation with your GP/nurse/pharmacist?

- “GPs are under so much pressure and have limited time for consultations as it is, so don’t have time to have conversations”
- “I do not want to have a conversation with the GP”
- “It might help patients to explain how a certain antibiotic cause certain health problem”

Question 4: What colour do you think it should be?

- If affordable the booklet should be designed in line with the Think! Antibiotics branding that has already been used by the CCG



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Question 5: How big is useful?

- The same size as the warfarin passports is ideal as long as the font size inside is big enough to be read

Other points:

- The Panel agreed that a pilot of the project would be worthwhile to establish whether it would work or not.
 - Pilot would need to be monitored somehow
 - Feedback from patients would be critical
- “This is an old-fashioned solution in a technical world”
- There was a feeling that it is unusual to ask a patient to carry their information/record
- Some care homes have an electronic record so the booklet would not be needed