

# The Pharmacy Practice Research Trust



**Medicines & People**

Turning Knowledge Into Know-How

## **Programme 1 - *The health of the public and the place of medicines***

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*Patient centred outcomes from medicines use review (MUR)* There is much vested in the success of MUR for patients, pharmacist and the NHS however very little is known about the impact that the service is having on patients. This study will provide a first glimpse of the patient experience and this to develop a useful tool for pharmacists (Sir Hugh Linstead Fellowship, 2006-2008).

*Medicines use reviews: what is their effect on patient self reported adherence?* MURs are a new and developing service for community pharmacists and evidence of their value is eagerly awaited. Currently pharmacists are finding a lack of acceptance from GPs and patients in their role. However, this project should highlight the benefits of an MUR, how they contribute to the process of concordance and the important outcome adherence (Sir Hugh Linstead Fellowship, 2006-2007).

*Living with antimentia medicines: patient and carer perspectives* This is the second phase in a three-phase study designed to establish the actual effect that the prescribing of antimentia agents may have on peoples lives (Galen Award, 2005-2008).

*The role of the Welsh language in community pharmacy service provision in Wales* This study will explore the level of Welsh-language ability amongst pharmacists and other staff in community pharmacies in Wales, as well as community pharmacists' perceptions and experiences of a local need for Welsh language services and the barriers to meeting these needs (Sir Hugh Linstead Fellowship, 2005-2006).

*Investigating factors influencing user choices to visit either general practitioners or community pharmacists in the management of minor ailments* This study investigates what attributes influence user choices to consult a community pharmacist for minor ailments, the weight they attach to those attributes and the trade-offs they make (Galen Award, 2004-2006).

*Supplementary prescribing: pharmacist and patient perspectives* A qualitative study investigating how patients, pharmacists and other healthcare professionals perceive supplementary prescribing and its impact on professional relationships and services (funded by Boots the Chemists 2004-2005).

*Concordance in community pharmacy: exploring and evaluating the theory in practice* This study explored an innovative model of service delivery and patient-pharmacist consultations within the community pharmacy environment to assess the feasibility of applying a concordant consultation model in practice (Sir Hugh Linstead Fellowship, 2003-2005).

*Patients' attitudes and beliefs about self-management of chronic congestive heart failure*  
This study explored the potential of self-management from the viewpoint of patients with heart failure (Galen Award, 2003-2004).

*Patient and professional models of depression and its treatment: Concordance Fellows*  
The aim of the Fellowship was to support a programme of original research into concordance issues: to extend an understanding of patient and professional perspectives of medicines and medicines use, and to develop strategies to promote genuine and balanced partnerships between patients, doctors and other health professionals as a means of optimising the potential benefits of health care (funded by the Department of Health, 1999-2004).

*The construction of appropriateness in medicine taking*  
This study explored how people, both patients and general practitioners, constructed the concept of appropriateness in the context of hypertension management and the variation between different regions of England (Sir Hugh Linstead Fellowship, 2001-2003).

*Lay management of health and illness: a qualitative approach*  
This study explored use of pharmacies by men and also their perceptions of the role of the community pharmacy through the use of focus groups and individual follow-up interviews (Sir Hugh Linstead Fellowship, 2001-2003).

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