

Using medication to manage behaviour problems among adults with a learning disability.

Possible audit questions

Names of existing psychotropic medication prescribed (if any) with daily dosage at commencement of intervention and names of medication prescribed after the initial assessment should be noted.

1. Has the behaviour been assessed?
2. Did the assessment involve B (behaviour), M (medical), P (psychological) and S (social) issues?
3. Has a formulation, including a rationale for prescribing, been carried out?
4. Has a treatment plan been documented?
5. Has non-medication based intervention been considered?
6. Has a written (short-term and long-term) treatment plan been given to the individual and/ or their family or carer?
7. Has a written document about the potential adverse effects of the prescribed medication been provided to the individual and/ or their family or carer?
8. Were appropriate physical examinations carried out before the prescription?
9. Were appropriate investigations carried out before the prescription?
10. Has the capacity of the individual been assessed?
11. Has the individual's and/ or their carer's consent/ assent to treatment been secured?
12. If the individual lacks capacity, has the prescriber considered the Capacity Bill and/ or the Mental Health Act?
13. Has the treatment plan been included in the individual's Care Plan, Health Action Plan, or Care Programme Approach?
14. Has a risk assessment been completed?
15. Has the target behaviour been defined?
16. Is there a plan to measure outcome using objective measures?
17. Has a date been set for the review?
18. Has a key person been identified to implement the treatment plan?
19. Has the prescriber passed all the relevant information to this person?
20. Has the treatment plan been shared with other relevant professionals (including the GP)?
21. Is there evidence of inter-disciplinary involvement?
22. Has a review taken place as per the original treatment plan?

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