

The role of the nurse within the guidelines for the use of medication with people with a learning disability with behavioural problems

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- Promote guidelines
- Inter disciplinary team work working
- Knowledge of medicines management
- Clinical and mutual governance

- Nurse prescribing role
- Working within scope of professional practice
- Expertise:
 - a) Knowledge of service user needs
 - b) Knowledge of conditions being treated
 - c) Information and education on medicines

- Assessment of suitability of interventions:
 - a) Range of other therapies
 - b) Medicine forms one part of treatment possibilities
 - c) Clinical Management Plan
 - d) Review and monitoring of medicines

Outcomes 1

- Improved concordance/compliance
- More timely access to review and monitoring of medication
- Tripartite arrangement with doctor, nurse and service user/carer
- Suitably prepared for role
- Improved risk management in monitoring side effects

Outcomes 2

- Facilitates more comprehensive review and monitoring of medicines
- Team approach to prescribing for behavioural problems
- Assist in ensuring adherence to guideline
- Review effectiveness of implementation of guideline
- Improved outcome for service users