CPPE updates e-learning programme on safeguarding

CPPE has worked with Pharmacy Voice to update their **Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults e-learning programme**, and they have released a new **assessment** for 2017. The e-learning programme supports all members of the pharmacy team to ensure they have the skills and knowledge to identify and effectively handle any safeguarding concern should one arise in the course of their practice. This includes suspected victims of child sexual exploitation and female genital mutilation as well as those at risk of radicalisation.

This programme maps to levels 1 and 2 of the intercollegiate document: **Safeguarding children and young people: roles and competences for health care staff (March 2014)**. Pharmacy support staff are required to meet Level 1 competences, while GPhC registered pharmacy professionals are required to meet the Level 2 competences (and some with more specialist roles will also be required to meet Level 3 competences).

**Quality payments scheme**

The programme will allow pharmacists and pharmacy technicians to achieve Level 2 safeguarding status as required by the patient safety criteria of the quality payments scheme as part of the 2017/2018 contractual framework. The Level 2 assessment allows them to prove their competence.

“As the most accessible healthcare professionals, with regular and consistent contact with their service users and unique insight into the needs of their local communities, community pharmacists and their teams have a vital role in safeguarding vulnerable people. Over the last 18 months, Pharmacy Voice’s Patient Safety Group has sought to better understand and clarify the roles of pharmacists and their teams in safeguarding vulnerable adults and children, and collaborating with colleagues at CPPE to update their training has been a really important part of this work.

The updated e-learning and new assessment now encapsulate scenarios which community pharmacy teams can understand and relate to, and which will aid them in successfully and safely working with other parts of the health and social care system to protect adults and children at risk of abuse or neglect. The work has also been well timed, as the sector positions itself to take a greater role in ensuring more pharmacy team members have achieved Level 1 or Level 2 safeguarding status, in line with new quality criteria.”

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