

Here are some resources we recommend in response to enquiries about MURs, one of the advanced services in the pharmacy contract. This list is not exhaustive and if your query is not addressed here please contact us (details overleaf).

Web-based resources

- PSNC http://www.psn.org.uk/pages/advanced_services.html
This is the PSNC's guide to advanced services under the pharmacy contract. General information and and MUR statistics section available.

PSNC *10 steps to success with Medicines Use Reviews* (2006)
http://www.psn.org.uk/data/files/PharmacyContract/advanced_service/10_steps_to_success_with_murs.pdf
- Medicines Partnership http://www.npc.co.uk/med_partnership/medication-review/welcome.html Includes information about MURs for patients as well as pharmacists. Details ongoing research in this area and a glossary.
- Centre for Postgraduate Pharmacy Education <http://www.cppe.manchester.ac.uk/>
The CPPE web-based MUR assessment is linked under community pharmacy. The library has CPPE resource packs for technicians on MURs available to borrow.
- Department of Health
http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Healthcare/Medicinespharmacyandindustry/Communitypharmacy/Communitypharmacycontractualframework/DH_081225 Department of Health information on MURS including MUR Forms.
- Chemist and Druggist's 'Skills for the Future' MUR accreditation programme
<http://www.chemistanddruggist.co.uk/pharmacists>
Now on its 2nd programme accredited by the Medway School of Pharmacy. Older modules available from the library in CD-ROM/print form. Example case studies are given. See also the MUR zone <http://www.chemistanddruggist.co.uk/murzone>
- Pharmaceutical Journal <http://www.pjonline.com>
Access many articles about the pharmacy contract that have appeared in the Pharmaceutical Journal including 'Prescribing and Medicines Management: Patients with asthma - problems revealed by medicines use reviews' (*Pharmaceutical Journal* 2008:280:281-282. Mar 8) and the article 'What do pharmacists think of MURs and do they change prescribed medication?', (2008:281:163-167, Aug 9). Enter 'MURs' in the search box on the website to locate other articles or contact the library for other suggestions.

Books

- *Solutions* (2005) Guide to advanced services from Unichem/PSNC.
- *New directions: the complete NPA guide to the new pharmacy contract* (2005)
- *Navigating the new world: Vantage guide to the new pharmacy contract* (2005)
- *Community pharmacy handbook/ Waterfield, Jon. - London : Pharmaceutical Press, 2008. - xiv, 287p. - ISBN 9780853697169*

All of the titles above can be borrowed from the Society Library (books are posted out free of charge, the only cost in using the service is the return postage).

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Articles

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For *Pharmaceutical Journal* articles please see above.

•*International Journal of Pharmacy Practice* 2008:16(4):271-276 (August)

'Medicines Use Review: adoption and spread of a service innovation'

Report of a study evaluating progress in the provision of the MUR service in England and Wales.

•*Pharmacy Magazine* 2008:CPDI-CPDVII (Jun)

'Current thinking on MURs - Getting the essentials right'

Article on conducting medicines use reviews (MURs).

•*Pharmacy Magazine* 2008:14(2):9 (Feb)

Making MURs work

About the PSNC campaign to raise the public's awareness of medicines use reviews

•*Pharmacy Magazine* 2008:14(2):33 (Feb)

Tips to improve your MURs no.10 – depression

One of a series of articles on topics including eczema and arthritis providing tips to improve your MURs – ask the library for further details on the other topics.

•*Pharmacy Today* 2007:May:18-19

MUR - motivated, unleashed and ready?

Article explains how to overcome lack of confidence when approaching medicines use reviews.

•*Pharmacy In Practice* 2006:16(5):143-146 (Jul/Aug)

'How best to carry out medicines use reviews'

Outlines the aims of an MUR and discusses the advantages and disadvantages of MURs.

•*Chemist and Druggist* 2006:265:20 (Jun 3)

'MURs made easy'

Tips on conducting medicines use reviews.

•*Pharmacy Magazine* 2005:X1(5):CPDI-VIII (May) and 2005:X1(6):CPD I-VIII (June)

'Medicines use review: part 1 and part 2'.

Part 1 examines what should be included in a review and how to prepare to provide the service whilst part 2 explores how the necessary accreditation to provide the service can be achieved

•*Community Pharmacy* March 2005 pp. 14-16

'Brave new world. Clinical review: medicines use review'

Thorough overview of MURs including table of common interventions.

These abstracts are taken from the Information Centre's RPS e-PIC Database. For more information or to arrange for different searches to be undertaken please call 020 7572 2300.

Further resources

To see a list of all of the library's resources on MURs type in 'MUR' into the keyword/free text option of the library catalogue <http://olib.rpsqb.org>

Contact details

Contact the Library by telephone on 020 7572 2300 (answerphone outside office hours) or by e-mail library@rpsqb.org.

Suggestions?

If you have any suggestions for other factsheets you think we should produce, then let us know.