

# Medicines and alcohol consultation programme delivery study

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## Plain English summary of protocol

### Background and study aims

Some people drink alcohol and take multiple prescription medications, which poses risks to their health. This study is part of an NIHR programme grant, led by the University of York, which aims to co-produce with the pharmacy profession and with patients, an intervention discussing alcohol within routine structured medication review (SMR) consultations, delivered by clinical pharmacists in primary care. The SMR specification recognises the risks of alcohol interactions with medicines and thus the potential contribution of clinical pharmacists in addressing alcohol within their clinical practice. The approach encourages practitioners and patients to consider alcohol, not as a standalone issue to be addressed separately, but rather as integral to clinical care. This is because alcohol is another drug, the impacts of which need to be considered within patient-centred discussions about treatments, adherence, particular conditions and wider health and well-being. The medicines and alcohol consultation (MAC) intervention is intended to help patients to think through whether drinking affects their medication use, conditions and health, and to enable pharmacists to skillfully engage with these issues in a person-centred manner. The aim of the study is to examine the delivery of the MAC from the perspectives of participating clinical pharmacists and patients receiving SMRs.

### Who can participate?

Patients having an SMR delivered by a clinical pharmacist who has received the MAC practice development programme.

### What does the study involve?

The study involves an investigation of the delivery of the MAC programme to study how clinical pharmacists engage and acquire person-centred skills in practice, including alcohol-specific and other challenges faced, and how practice changes or does not. The study will also examine how patients participate in and respond to alcohol discussions within SMRs, their experience of the SMR and wider views on discussing alcohol as a drug linked to their medicines and conditions

### What are the possible benefits and risks of participating?

The information from this study will show how clinical pharmacists might be able to help people think about their alcohol consumption and medicines use. There are no known risks to taking part.

Where is the study run from?  
Yorkshire and the North East of England (UK)

When is the study starting and how long is it expected to run for?  
September 2022 to December 2023

Who is funding the study?  
National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR) (UK)

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Clinical Trials Information System (CTIS)

Nil known

**Integrated Research Application System (IRAS)**  
320182

**Central Portfolio Management System (CPMS)**  
54839

## Study information

### Scientific Title

Medicines and alcohol consultation (MAC) programme delivery study

### Acronym

CHAMP-1

### Study objectives

The aim is to examine the delivery of the MAC intervention from the perspectives of participating clinical pharmacists and patients receiving structured medication reviews (SMRs) in primary care.

### Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

### Ethics approval(s)

Approved 16/01/2023, North East - Newcastle & North Tyneside 2 Research Ethics Committee (Meeting held by video-conference via Zoom; +44 (0)2071048086, (0)2071048140; newcastlenorthtyneside2.rec@hra.nhs.uk), ref: 22/NE/0237

### Study design

Observational study

### Primary study design

Observational

### Study type(s)

Prevention

### Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Primary care

### Interventions

This is an observational study of intervention delivery, looking at the MAC intervention delivered by clinical pharmacists in general practices in Yorkshire & Humber and North East & Cumbria regions.

The study involves the delivery of the 10-week practice development programme comprising two in-person consultation skills workshops, and weekly practice development coaching phone

/video calls with the research team that focuses on pharmacists' progress with integrating the MAC approach into structured medication reviews (SMRs). Information on alcohol and medications is also provided.

We will recruit 15 clinical pharmacists whose practice closely resembles the SMR specification guidance (appointments booked in advance, face-to-face, 30 minutes or longer). The pharmacists will receive 10 weeks of practice development training, including workshops, individual coaching, supplementary materials and peer support activities.

During the delivery of the MAC programme, we will closely monitor engagement and practice development for each pharmacist. This will enable in-depth investigations of SMRs as they are delivered, whilst also illuminating the mechanisms by which practice development may or may not change at the level of individual pharmacists. Audio-recorded interviews will be conducted immediately pre- and post-programme on pharmacists' views on their own alcohol-specific and wider SMR practice within their particular GP practice and PCN context. Before the programme, we will investigate how these pharmacists perceive gaps in their alcohol knowledge and skills and their expectations of the programme. Shortly afterwards, they will be asked about the extent to which they are making changes to practice, the reasons for this, and whether they are feeling more confident in discussing alcohol as a drug with their patients. We will also explore how they think the programme complements or advances previous consultation practice training.

Engagement during the programme will be investigated through analysis of observation data on pharmacists at practice development workshops and data kept by coaches to track changes in individual pharmacist practice. Audio recordings of consultations made during the programme will also be used to provide a different strand of evidence on impacts on practice. Pharmacists will be asked to choose two SMR consultation audio recordings from this dataset, which they judge as demonstrating good and less good consultation practice, for discussion at an exit interview.

The MAC programme uses the audio recordings of SMR consultations (with full patient consent) as the key mechanism for self-assessment of developing practice, supported by reviews with coaches. The participating pharmacists will be encouraged to continue this self-assessment practice after completion of the MAC programme. At 3 months, maintenance of changes in SMR practice will be assessed by asking the MAC pharmacists to select another two examples using the same criteria to discuss at a final interview. This interview will investigate views on changing alcohol practice and calibrating consultation competence, as well as the experience of taking on a new role in the system.

### **Intervention Type**

Behavioural

### **Primary outcome(s)**

Patient experiences of the programme measured qualitatively using audio-recorded interviews with a purposive sample (at least one patient per pharmacist) after their SMR to explore the experience of discussing alcohol during the consultation, and their wider views on discussing alcohol as a drug linked to their medicines and conditions.

### **Key secondary outcome(s)**

Pharmacist experiences of the programme measured qualitatively using audio-recorded interviews pre- and post-programme on pharmacists' views on their own alcohol-specific and wider SMR practice within their particular GP practice and PCN context.

**Completion date**

31/12/2023

## Eligibility

**Key inclusion criteria**

1. Clinical pharmacists conducting structured medication reviews (SMRs) selected to participate in the MAC programme
2. SMR patients (18+ years) who drink alcohol at least twice per week

**Participant type(s)**

Health professional, Patient

**Healthy volunteers allowed**

No

**Age group**

Mixed

**Lower age limit**

18 years

**Upper age limit**

100 years

**Sex**

All

**Total final enrolment**

28

**Key exclusion criteria**

1. Clinical pharmacist not conducting SMRs in person
2. Clinical pharmacist not able to conduct sufficient numbers of SMRs
3. Clinical pharmacists not able to attend practice development workshops
4. SMR patients who drink alcohol less than twice per week

**Date of first enrolment**

20/03/2023

**Date of final enrolment**

30/06/2023

## Locations

## Countries of recruitment

United Kingdom

England

## Study participating centre

**Humber & North Yorkshire Health & Care Partnership Integrated Care System**

<https://humberandnorthyorkshire.org.uk>

NO COUNTRY SPECIFIED, assuming England

England

N/A

## Study participating centre

**North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care System**

<https://northeastnorthcumbria.nhs.uk>

NO COUNTRY SPECIFIED, assuming England

England

N/A

## Sponsor information

### Organisation

University of York

### ROR

<https://ror.org/04m01e293>

## Funder(s)

### Funder type

Government

### Funder Name

National Institute for Health and Care Research

### Alternative Name(s)

National Institute for Health Research, NIHR Research, NIHRresearch, NIHR - National Institute for Health Research, NIHR (The National Institute for Health and Care Research), NIHR

### Funding Body Type

Government organisation

### Funding Body Subtype

National government

### Location

United Kingdom

## Results and Publications

### Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

The datasets generated during and/or analysed during the current study are/will be available upon request from the PI: [j.mccambridge@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:j.mccambridge@ucl.ac.uk)

### IPD sharing plan summary

Available on request

### Study outputs

Output type	Details	Date created	Date added	Peer reviewed?	Patient-facing?
<a href="#">Results article</a>		01/11/2025	30/01/2026	Yes	No
<a href="#">HRA research summary</a>			20/09/2023	No	No