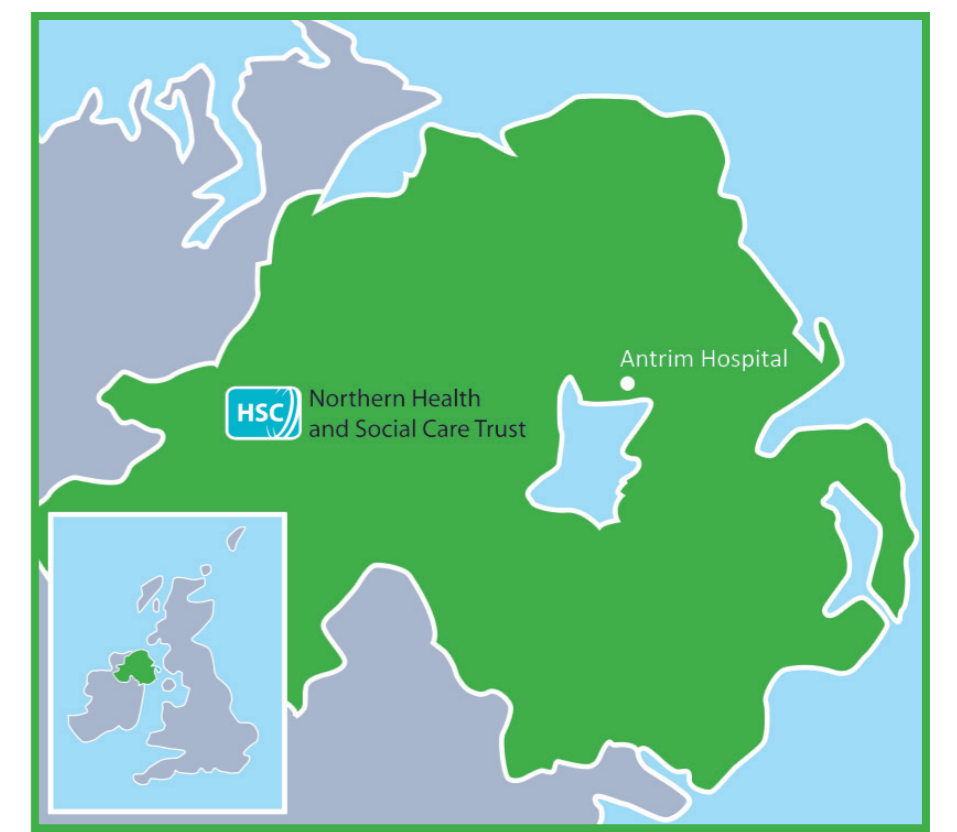


Hosting programmes at the Medicines Optimisation Innovation Centre (MOIC)



'Training and development of Health Care Professionals through welcoming visitors to Northern Ireland from Europe and the Middle East'

Introduction

The Integrated Medicines Management project, which commenced in 2000, highlighted the immense benefits of involving a clinical pharmacy team at hospital admission, inpatient stay and at discharge. The dissemination of these results at conferences and subsequent publication of the project results has been the catalyst for visitors to come to the Northern Health & Social Care Trust to observe the work first hand. Further developments in medicines optimisation have included the procurement process namely, STEPSelect, improved antimicrobial stewardship and the development of enabling technologies. Visitors have come to learn about these systems from throughout the United Kingdom and Ireland as well as Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Spain, the Netherlands, the Middle East and Australia.

3 Stars for Medicines Management

A key initiative under EU Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing has been the identification of Reference Sites which demonstrate good practice and innovation in the areas of healthy ageing. In 2013, Northern Ireland was recognised as a Reference Site and was awarded 3-stars for its Medicines Management Systems. As a reference site, we are committed to sharing good practice with others in the area of medicines optimisation.

We are delighted to welcome visitors to Northern Ireland and to offer a choice of hosting programmes as described below.

Programme 1

Length of stay 1-3 days.

Aimed at senior decision makers and budget holders who wish to obtain an overview of the medicines optimisation process. There would be an opportunity to speak with Senior leaders in pharmacy based at the MOIC and from the Department of Health Social Services and Public Safety. Visitors will also have the opportunity to observe aspects of the medicines optimisation processes in practice.

Programme 2

Length of stay 2-4 weeks

Aimed at hospital pharmacists to provide an opportunity to experience our work. They would observe the day to day working of the pharmacy teams who work practically in medicines optimisation on a daily basis.

Programme 3

Length of stay 3-4 months

Aimed primarily at pharmacy students wishing to learn about medicines optimisation and to undertake a project as part of their studies. A project is selected and supervised by one of the pharmacy teams within the hosting establishment.

Programme content

All programmes are bespoke and are designed to meet the needs of the individual visitor. The following aspects of medicines optimisation may be observed and / or discussed during your visit.

- medicines reconciliation
- medication reviews
- generating discharge information
- recording clinical interventions
- antimicrobial stewardship
- enabling technology
- pharmacist led clinics
- development of clinical technicians
- STEPSelect procurement process
- safe effective optimised logistics
- clinical service to nursing homes
- aseptic services

The specific content of each programme is agreed after an initial discussion with the visitors and assessment of their requirements. Accommodation on the Antrim hospital site can be arranged if required.

Smarter Medicines Better Outcomes