

Standard Operating Procedure for Delivering Medication Optimisation in Care Homes

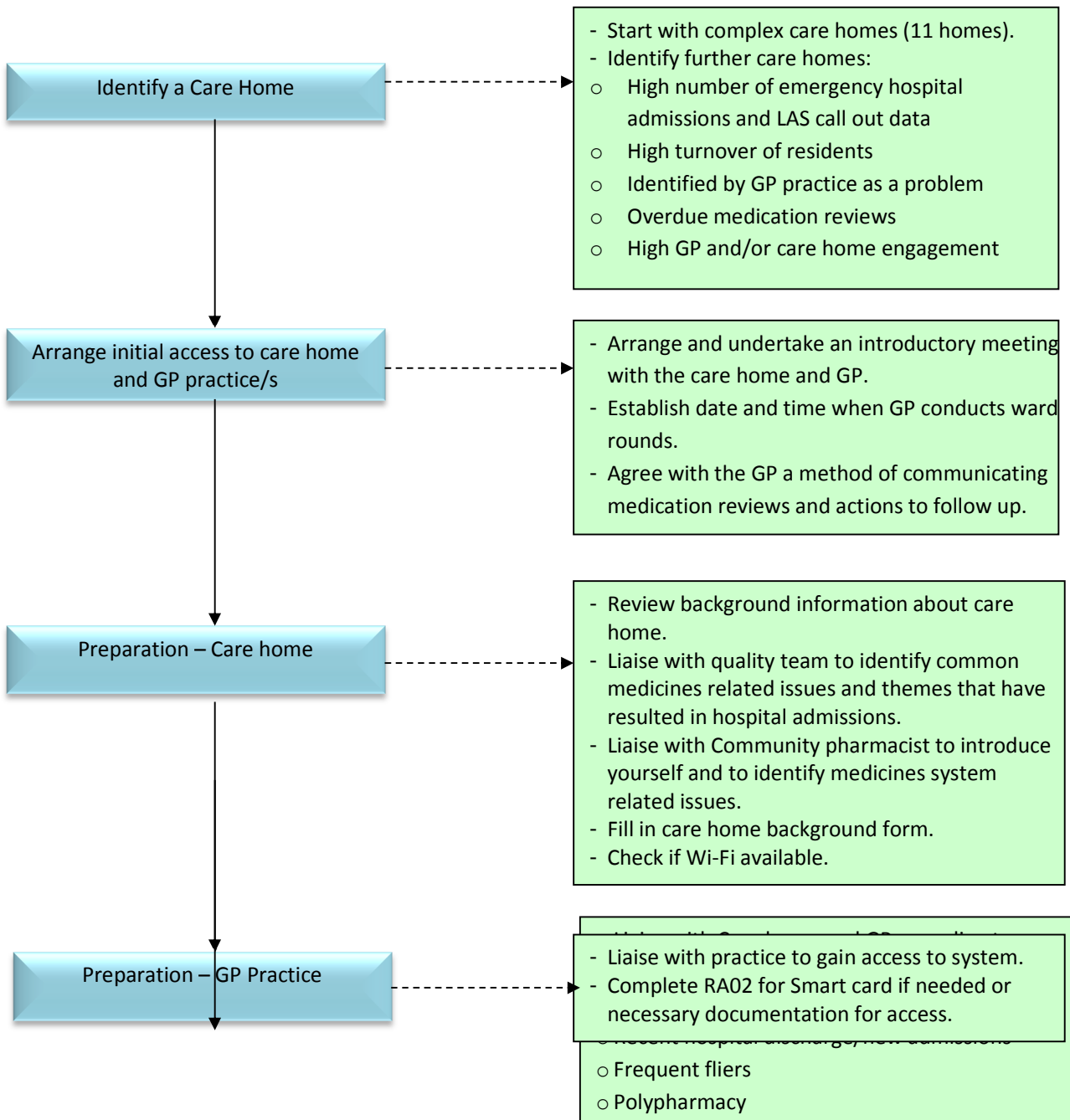
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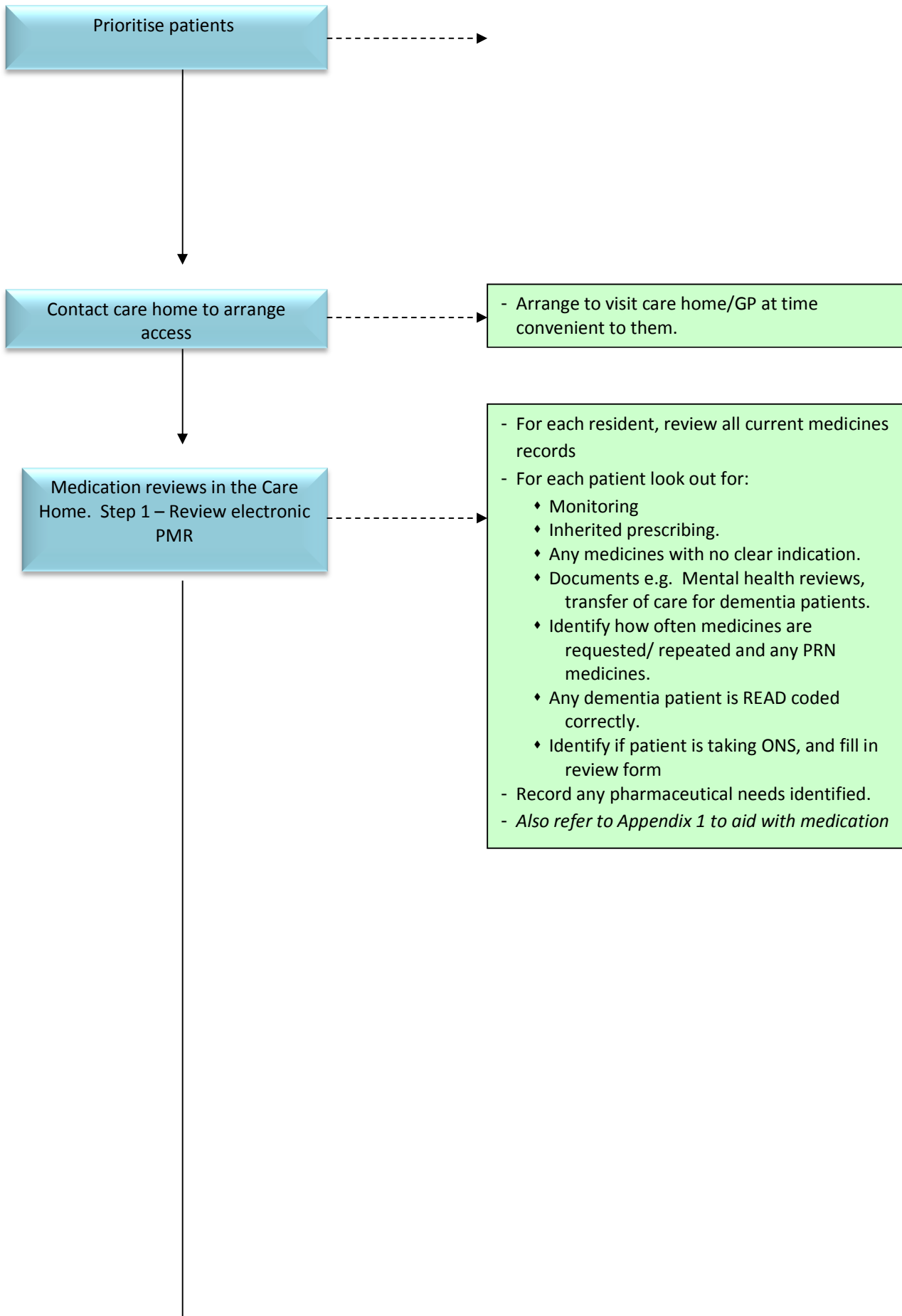
This standard operating procedure (SOP) covers the process for a pharmacist led Medicines Optimisation service within Care Homes in East and North Hertfordshire CCG (excluding preparation and delivery of informal and formal training).

The overall aims of the Care Home Vanguard Project are to:

- avoid unnecessary patient harm;
- reduce medication errors;
- optimise the choice and use of medicines in care home patients;
- reduce medication waste;
- reduce conveyances to A and E (Vanguard objective)
- reduce admissions to hospitals from care homes (Vanguard objective)

PROCESS





Prioritise patients

Contact care home to arrange access

Medication reviews in the Care Home. Step 1 – Review electronic PMR

- Arrange to visit care home/GP at time convenient to them.

- For each resident, review all current medicines records
- For each patient look out for:
 - ♦ Monitoring
 - ♦ Inherited prescribing.
 - ♦ Any medicines with no clear indication.
 - ♦ Documents e.g. Mental health reviews, transfer of care for dementia patients.
 - ♦ Identify how often medicines are requested/ repeated and any PRN medicines.
 - ♦ Any dementia patient is READ coded correctly.
 - ♦ Identify if patient is taking ONS, and fill in review form
- Record any pharmaceutical needs identified.
- *Also refer to Appendix 1 to aid with medication*

