

NHS Heywood, Middleton and Rochdale Clinical Commissioning Group (HMR CCG)  
Chair's responses to public questions received and recorded at the Governing Body  
meeting on 18 September 2020

	Question	Response
1	How has the the CCGs focus in dealing with Covid impacted on the implementation of prescribing savings work programmes run by medicines management?	<p>Covid has impacted on prescribing savings work programmes as you would expect and nationally there has been an increase in prescribing costs - initially this is thought to have been patients stock piling medication due to anxieties around lockdown.</p> <p>Throughout the pandemic the focus has been on direct patient care, and savings based medication reviews have not taken place as per the national directive to cease savings programmes during this period.</p> <p>The Medicines Optimisation team has worked closely with the practices to support any prescribing issues and ensure best practice - as and when appropriate the savings programme will commence again.</p>

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