

Medication Safety

Programme Overview

INSPECTION OVERVIEW



34

hospitals inspected



61%

had a functioning Drugs and Therapeutics Committee to oversee medication safety



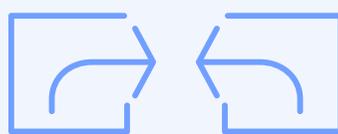
39%

had a documented list of approved medications (formulary)



6

hospitals had a formal medication safety strategy in place



3

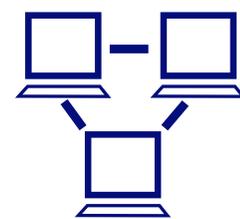
hospitals were completing medication reconciliation (safety check) on admission and discharge



there was significant underreporting of medication incidents.

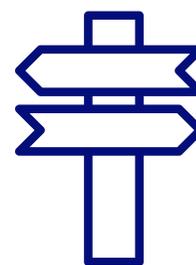
FINDINGS

A national approach to strategic planning for medication safety is needed. This should include a focus on using technology to reduce variation in medication safety.



Collaboration and cooperation between hospitals improved medication safety.

Although some hospitals performed well in implementing medication safety programmes, widespread inconsistencies were found.



There were disparities in clinical pharmacy services.