Hub and spoke (different legal entities): proposed

The spokes have an NHS contract but the hub does not

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Registered spoke pharmacies use a hub in a different legal entity

to assemble prescriptions, or registered spoke pharmacies from

different legal entities form a cooperative and set up a hub dispensa

DISPENSING: A COMPARISON OF DIFFERENT MODELS IN COMMUNITY PHARMACY

Although most medicines are still dispensed by hand, new technology allows parts of the process to be automated. This infographic compares examples of the newer models, such as hub and spoke and centralised dispensing, with the traditional model. DAWN CONNELLY



Patient interaction happens at the spoke pharmacy

Hub and spoke (same legal entity): Celesio

Both hub and spoke are registered pharmacies. The spokes have an NHS contract but the hub does not 5 Up to 12 community dosage system (CDS) trays/minute 6 and up to 30 repeat prescriptions/minute 0

System uses image recognition. 2D barcodes on original packs are scanned and images captured at each step of the assembly of CDS trays

No evidence of cost savings yet but frees pharmacists to spend more time with patients

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Repeat prescriptions and community dosage system trays are automatically assembled at the hub and then sent to the spoke pharmacy