

## **Joint Working Executive Summary**

**Project title:** MAPS (Medication Awareness Pathway Support) high dose opioid reduction evaluation

**Project background and objectives:** High-dose opioid prescribing in England has become a significant public health issue, contributing to various problems including adverse health outcomes, addiction, overdose, and increased healthcare costs. Considerable concern has been raised regarding the prescribing of opioids which has led to a UK Government Safety Update on risk of dependence and addiction with opioids. The new pathway aims to foster closer working and facilitate supported medication reviews for patients identified as at risk of dependency. As a pharmacist and biopsychosocial-led model, it offers a new way of working, taking pressure off GPs to manage pain medication in isolation.

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