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Dear Wendy,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this document.

As one has come to expect from NPC Plus, this is an impressive and clear framework which has the potential to be a valuable resource. I can see that it will complement the framework for pharmacist prescribing and I hope it will be adopted by the 37 HEIs that are currently accredited as providers of pharmacist prescriber training.

I do not have a detailed knowledge of the research underlying concordance. However I do suspect that for some patients, placing all the responsibility with the prescriber is their preferred choice. I can see that respect for patients' decisions forms part of the competence framework but I wonder if there needs to be more reference to it in section 2. Perhaps around the last sentence on P5. Do all patients really need to develop a more realistic understanding about medicines? I am thinking about those who have difficulty with comprehension in general. They are often regular users of medicines and have low or no ability to read, so the concept of realistic is realistic for them – not the professional.

Or is this one of the more challenging aspects of concordance?

Kind regards

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