

Discharge Medicines Service (DMS) Manager stages

The Discharge Medicines Service (DMS) Manager is currently for users in England only.

The DMS Manager is used for patients that come out of hospital and have had a medication change during their stay. There are a number of reasons their medication may have changed including inappropriate drugs and drug interactions.

Community Pharmacy is involved in the patient's discharge and must follow all three stages.

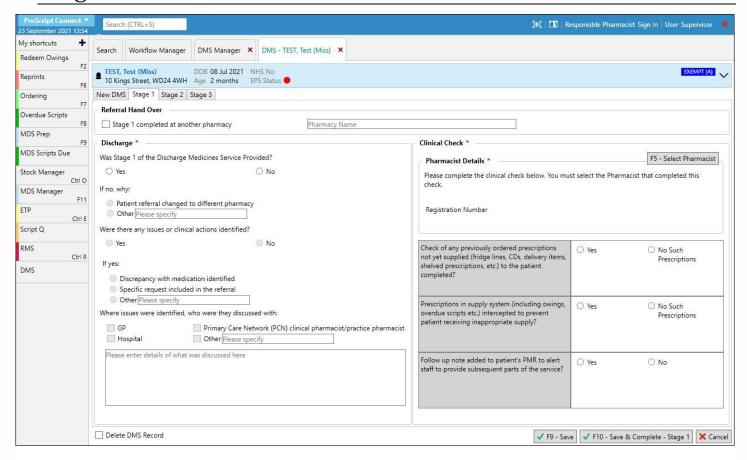
Stage	Actions	ProScript Connect Suggestions
STAGE 1 Pharmacy receive a discharge referral, which should be actioned within 72 hours of receipt (excluding hours of the days on which the pharmacy premises are not open for business).	a) Pharmacist to check for clinical information and actions within the referral b) Pharmacist/ Pharmacy Technician to compare the medicines the patient has been discharged on and those they were previously taking at admission. c) Pharmacist/ Pharmacy Technician to raise any issues identified with the NHS Trust or the patient's general practice, where necessary. d) Pharmacist/ Pharmacy Technician to make appropriate notes on the PMR and ensure pharmacy staff are aware that stages 2 and 3 need to be carried out. e) All relevant members of the pharmacy team to check any prescriptions for the patient, previously ordered, in the dispensing process (including eRDs) or awaiting collection to see if they are still appropriate.	Counselling Notes Warning Notes (in Patient Details)
STAGE 2 The first prescription is received by the pharmacy following discharge (this may not be a repeat prescription). This can be one week to one-month post-discharge.	The pharmacist/pharmacy technician ensure medicines prescribed post-discharge take account of the changes made during the hospital admission. Discrepancies or other issues should be resolved with the GP practice and should be recorded on the PMR.	Counselling Notes Interventions
STAGE 3 Check the patient's understanding of their medicines regimen	to check their understanding of what medicines they should now be taking/using, when they should be taken/used and any other relevant advice to support dicines medicines taking/use. Details should be recorded on the	





The tabs for the stages are displayed when the DMS is saved.

Stage 1



When the pharmacy receives the referral, they will have 72 hours to complete stage 1.

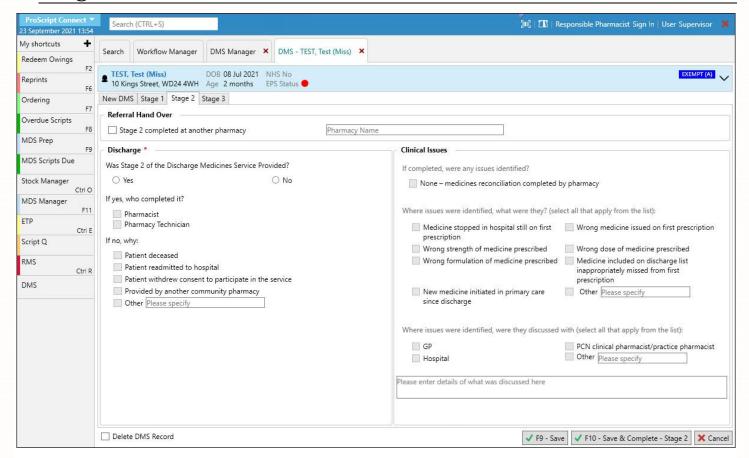
The Stage 1 screen displays a list of questions, provided by the NHS, that *must* be completed. This will ensure any medications have been checked and records have been updated if necessary.

The pharmacy is notified that the patient is out of hospital and has had a change to their medication. Any pre-prepared, old repeat or outstanding medication needs to be checked to ensure the patient received the correct medication.

Once the questions have been answered and medication has been checked, select the Stage 2 tab.



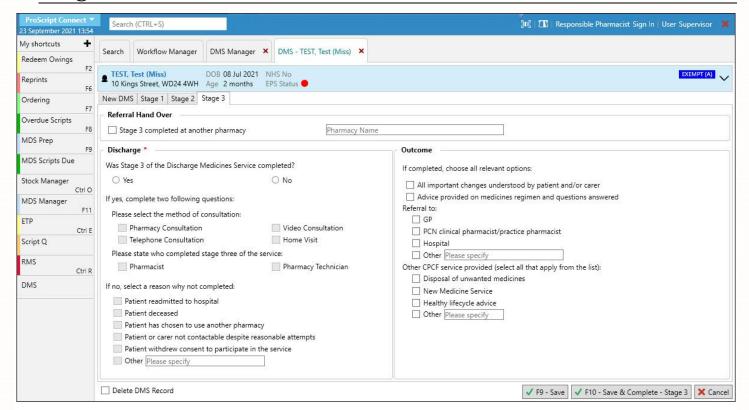
Stage 2



The pharmacy received a prescription from the GP, the Stage 2 screen ensures that any changes that have not been updated can be corrected. This stage makes sure that the medication(s) being prescribed have all been accounted for and the information in the patient's record is correct regarding any changes in medication.



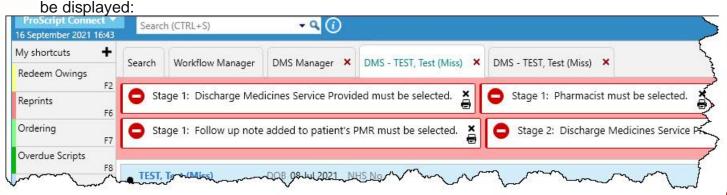
Stage 3



This is the stage where the patient is contacted. In a consultation, the patient will discuss the new medication(s) with their care provider and any questions about the medication(s) or how to use them will be explained. This ensures the patient has all of the information about the changes to their medication and/or patient record and allows the patient to understand exactly what they should be doing going forward with the new medication(s) prescribed.

Once Stage 3 has been completed, the DMS is complete. Press **F10** or click **Save & Complete (All Stages)**.

If you click Save & Complete (All Stages) with missing mandatory information, the following will





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