



Story so far.....



Series of workshops to explore issues around medicines use and medication safety

- **❖** 3 Medicine Safety Workshops
- MSFO Symposium Nov 2017
- **❖** Working Together for Medicine Safety 6th March 2018

Issues brought forward included

Packaging

Information

Prescribing

Review







- ✓ Electronic prescribing
- ✓ Understanding the cause of errors and promote a Learning culture
- ✓ Remove the threat of prosecution
- ✓ Peer support





Challenges for patients & carers

- Wrong dose
- Adverse drug reactions
- Omitted or delayed meds
- Packaging & blister packs
- Branding causes confusion
- No meds review should I still be taking these meds?

- No advice from pharmacy
- No warning of side effects





The Patient Perspective.....

What matters most to us:

- Confidence that my meds are safe and effective for my conditions
- Drug contraindications multiple LTCs
- Should I have a review?
- ❖ Do I still need to be on this?
- How can I manage the side effects



Next steps.....



How can the Citizens' Senate make a contribution? The plan:

- Focus on Peer Support to tackle issues
- Obtain Support from other Health Organisations
- ❖ Develop an outline plan
- Obtain funding
- Consult the CS
- Detailed Project
- Engage the CS to deliver
- The Team: Sarah, Mary, Trevor anyone else?



What we've done.....



- ✓ Explored options for peer support model with EAHSN
- ✓ Commissioned report from Evidence Centre
- ✓ Sarah identified source of funding from Q Exchange (Health Foundation)
- ✓ Obtained commitment from EAHSN for manpower resource / PPI costs

What next.....?

- Produce Exec Summary of our plan by 21st May
- Publish on Q Exchange website
- > If successful develop/refine project
- Project Initiation
- User training
- > Pilot





Q Exchange

- To activate the collective wisdom of the Q Community
- To channel resources into ideas with the greatest potential
- To create ripples of impact across the health and care system