Figure 1 - Flow chart of trial design

Initial contact with practice managers and GPs for consent

GP/Care homes decline

Care homes invited to participate

Recruited care homes randomised

1) Pharmacy technician confirms list of patients and collects baseline data

2) Pharmacist prepares care plan

3) Multi-professional medication review meeting, action plan agreed

4) Action plan implemented and records updated. Written details of all changes communicated with care home and community pharmacist

6 Months

Stages 1-4 are repeated and 6-Month data collection

12 Months

12-Month data collection

Care home can receive intervention

Analysis

Dissemination

12 Months

12-Month data collection

2-weeks

2-weeks

2-weeks

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