

To: All Community Pharmacies (DomMAR service)
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Dear Contractors

Administering Medication Safely in the Domiciliary Care Sector

As you are commissioned to provide the DomMAR service, please find attached the recently updated policy for Administering Medication Safely in the Domiciliary Care Sector, which has been jointly developed by East Riding of Yorkshire Council and East Riding of Yorkshire CCG with input from both the LMC and Community Pharmacy Humber. The policy has been updated to reflect NICE Guideline 67 "*Managing medicines for adults receiving social care in the community*". Significant changes to the policy include a clearer description of everyone's responsibilities and the addition of support for self-care.

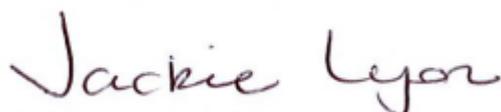
I would like to draw your attention to the responsibilities of Community Pharmacies on pages 14 and 15 of the policy, including the following:

- "...annotating the domMAR on the best time of day to administer the medication, for example morning, lunch, tea, evening, which will need collaboration with the DCA to fit within the care call window."
- Check if any changes or extra support may be helpful for example by checking if the person's medication regimen can be simplified, if any medications can be stopped or if there are any formulation changes needed
- Liaise with, and provide advice to, prescribers on the availability of alternative licenced preparations to negate the need to split or crush tablets
- Liaise with the prescriber where prescription details are ambiguous and do not give sufficient information to the carer to safely administer the medication

It has been highlighted that training for Community Pharmacy has not been held for a number of years. A new training package is being developed, with dates to follow. It is anticipated that the training will be provided at 3 locations across the CCG and repeated annually if necessary.

Please do not hesitate to contact me (07411 290697) if you have any questions about the new policy.

Yours sincerely



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