

Controlled Drugs Newsletter

NHS England Central Midlands

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Welcome to the second NHS England Central Midlands Controlled Drugs Newsletter.

Online CD Reporting Tool

- Online CD Reporting Tool (OCDRT) is being rolled out by NHS England Central Midlands Area Team.
- NHS England Central Midlands Area Team is the sixth area team to implement the OCDRT.
- OCDRT will be used to report CD concerns/incidents and CD destruction requests.
- OCDRT will ensure we have a standardised approach across the area to the reporting, recording and management of controlled drug concerns/incidents.
- The new service will be live from 03.02.16. **All** concerns/incidents and CD destruction requests should be reported through the web link www.cdreporting.co.uk
- Registration will be required on an **individual** basis and it is recommended that you familiarise yourself with the following tutorial videos:
 - How to register
 - Submit an incident or concern
 - Request a CD destruction
- Tutorial videos are available on www.cdreporting.co.uk/tutorials/

Guidance on Repeat Ordering

Following concerns raised about the management of Prescription Repeat Ordering it is recommended that the following guidelines are read and followed: <http://psnc.org.uk/leicestershire-and-rutland-lpc/good-practice-ccg-repeat-prescribing-guidance/>

Opioid Aware Prescribing Resource

- This resource, developed by UK healthcare professionals and policymakers, provides the information to support a safe and effective prescribing decision.
- Resource will be useful for all prescribers of opioids, patients and carers and pharmacists.
- Information available at <http://www.rcoa.ac.uk/faculty-of-pain-medicine/opioids-aware>

Sharing learning from incidents

- Recently, a number of pharmacy CD incidents have been reported to the CD Accountable Officer (CDAO) for NHS England (Central Midlands) from other organisations and **not** by the pharmacies concerned.
- All incidents involving CDs **must** be reported to the CDAO for NHS England (Central Midlands).
- Concerns raised must also be reported to the CDAO. Concerns may include patients potentially misusing or abusing drugs, prescribing concerns, dispensing concerns etc.

Incident Description

- Phenobarbital 50mg in 5ml solution was prescribed by the GP and labelled by the pharmacy as "Take 15mls twice daily" for a baby. The consultant at the hospital told the patients mother to give 1.5mls twice a day and this was the dose given to the baby.
- The pharmacist on duty did query the prescribed dose with the surgery however the pharmacist did not speak to the GP directly and the receptionist confirmed the dose as (incorrectly) printed on the prescription. Therefore it was still given.

Actions/Learnings

- Ensure any prescription queries are raised with the GP concerned.
- The importance of speaking directly to the prescriber and refusing to dispense a prescription if there appears to be an error based on the pharmacists clinical judgement.
- Ensure prescriptions generated from hospital communication letters are transcribed correctly and double checked.

DoH/Home Office Update

- The Department of Health have sent a letter from CMO/CPO about appropriate prescribing for gonorrhoea in light of the issues around AMR, available at: <http://www.bhiva.org/CMO-CPO-letter-on-AMR-and-gonorrhoea.aspx>
- Additional guidance issued by the Home Office on the use of the mandatory requisition form for Schedule 2 and 3 controlled drugs has now been published, available at: <http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/PrescriptionServices/1120.aspx>