

Controlled Drugs Newsletter

NHS England Central Midlands

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Welcome to the NHS England Central Midlands Controlled Drugs Newsletter.

Online CD Reporting Tool

- Online CD Reporting Tool (OCDRT) was launched by NHS England Central Midlands Area Team on 03.02.16.
- There have been over 40 incidents reported so far via OCDRT.
- Please continue to report **all** concerns/incidents through the web link www.cdreporting.co.uk
- Due to technical issues CD destruction requests were not possible via OCDRT. However this has now been rectified and CD destruction requests can be made via OCDRT.
- Please can all CD destruction requests for Lincolnshire and Leicestershire be submitted by **30.04.16**.
- Hospital pharmacies and OCDRT - we will be providing some guidance soon.

Guidance on Repeat Ordering

- In the previous newsletter there was a link to Prescription Repeat Ordering guidance. This guidance was primarily for Leicestershire.
- Other areas may have guidance available from their local CCGs so please contact Medicines Management teams.

NICE Update

- NICE Guideline on Controlled drugs: safe use and management is expected to be published in March 2016.

Sharing learning from incidents

Security

- Recently a pharmacy was broken into and Controlled Drugs were taken.
- Completing the PSNC Physical Security Risk Assessment available at http://webcache.googleusercontent.com/search?q=cache:pQsj2iUc16AJ:psnc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/template_7_317_physical_security_risk_assessment_v2.doc+&cd=8&hl=en&ct=c_lnk&gl=uk will help identify measures to increase security.
- There is also a medicines security pharmacy checklist available at <http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/4430.aspx>

Faxed Prescriptions

- Out Of Hours GP asked pharmacy to dispense a Controlled Drug against a faxed prescription.
- Pharmacist agreed to dispense the Controlled Drug against a faxed prescription.
- A fax of a prescription does not fall within the definition of a legally valid prescription because it is not written in indelible ink and has not been signed by a prescriber.
- **Learnings** - GPs should not fax prescriptions for Controlled Drugs to pharmacies and Pharmacists should not dispense Controlled Drugs against a faxed prescription.

Joint working with the Police

Prescribed medicines are ending up on our streets...

The CD team works closely with the counties' Police Controlled Drug Liaison Officers.

- Two cases of patients arrested for changing their prescriptions (adding codeine and co-codamol to an existing prescription).
- A police warning for a patient whose prescription was amended by the addition of diazepam by a third party. The patient was later identified as a vulnerable adult (who could not read or write). The patient was warned of the consequences and the incident was logged.
- Patient known to CCG and NHS England whose driving licence was removed in 2014 (for medication related reasons) was stopped in their car, by the Police. The vehicle index was added to police systems, therefore the vehicle can be stopped if seen again and further action will be taken.
- Alerted about a patient dealing heroin and their own prescribed buprenorphine. The patient's GP details were obtained, the GP was informed and the patient was transferred to the drug and alcohol services for careful management.
- **Learnings** - GPs and community pharmacies should be aware of the procedure to identify and report possible fraudulent prescriptions and suspicious behaviour.