

# Care About Medicine

Providing Domiciliary Care Staff with information, support & guidance on managing medicines safely & effectively

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## \*\*UPDATED\*\* Medication Guidance for Home Based Care & Support Providers

The Medication Guidance for Home Based Care & Support Providers has recently been reviewed and updated.

The document has been updated to include changes to legislation and continues to share best practice in relation to managing medicines safely. It also continues to offer templates which can be adopted or used to improve current in-house templates.

We are pleased to announce that the guidance has now been approved locally by NHS Nottingham & Nottinghamshire ICB, Nottingham City Council and Nottinghamshire County Council and can be accessed via our website [here](#) or you can email us to request a full copy or specific aspects of the guidance (see over the page for contact details).

## Medicine Related Issues - Out-of-Hours

A Community pharmacy is a good point of call for medicine related issues occurring after the service users GP surgery has closed. It does not need to be the service users usual pharmacy. There are a number of pharmacies across Nottingham and Nottinghamshire that are open extended hours. These are:

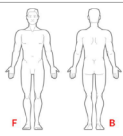
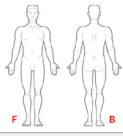
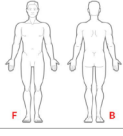
- \* Tesco Pharmacy (Bulwell, Top Valley, Beeston, New Ollerton, Hucknall, Mansfield)
- \* Queens Pharmacy Centre (Aspley)
- \* Well Pharmacy (Bilborough, Stapleford)
- \* Sherwood Late Night Pharmacy
- \* Midnight Pharmacy (Radford)
- \* Hyson Green Pharmacy
- \* Day Night Pharmacy (Clifton)
- \* Westdale Pharmacy (Mapperley)
- \* Asda Pharmacy (Arnold, Mansfield, Sutton in Ashfield, Newark)
- \* Medina Chemist (Netherfield)
- \* Boots Pharmacy (Southwell, Mansfield - St Peters retail park, Newark - Northgate retail park, Retford - Primary care centre)
- \* My Local Chemist (West Bridgford)
- \* Radcliffe Day & Night Pharmacy (Radcliffe on Trent)
- \* Rosemary Street Pharmacy (Mansfield)
- \* Orchard Pharmacy (Mansfield)
- \* Oakwood Pharmacy (Mansfield Woodhouse)
- \* Worksop Pharmacy (Prospect place & Bridge Street)



## Patch Administration

It is important that all staff receive adequate training in the application of patches and have been proven competent to undertake the task before doing so. Important points to note:

- Disposable gloves should be worn when removing or applying patches.
- Ensure the old patch is removed before applying a new one (a thorough search of body and surrounding area should be undertaken if unable to locate).
- Once removed the old patch should be folded in half and disposed of safely in the household waste.
- A patch chart (see right) must be completed each time a patch is applied/removed. It should indicate the date and position of the patch. Manufacturers instructions should be followed on site rotation.
- It is important that staff check daily that the patch is still in position (this is particularly important for those patches that are not applied on a daily basis).

Patch Application Record			
Name of Service User			
Name of patch		Strength	
Frequency of change			
<small>The patch should be checked on a daily basis to make sure it is still in place.                      The site of application should be rotated in accordance with the manufacturer guidance.                      The old patch must be folded in half and stuck together before disposal, in accordance with the care home policy.                      Please indicate where the patch has been applied using a cross (X). If more than one patch is in use please indicate with a separate symbol, e.g. ☉. Remember to complete the MAR chart.</small>			
	Old patch removal date		Time
	Removed by		
	New patch applied date		Time
	Applied by		
Witnessed by			
	Old patch removal date		Time
	Removed by		
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### Medicines Management Audit Visits

The Medicines Optimisation Team at the ICB work closely with Nottingham City & Nottinghamshire County Councils. We are currently working our way around all home care providers across Nottingham & Nottinghamshire to undertake a Medicines Management Audit as part of your Quality Assurance. These supportive visits will look at how medication is managed in a persons home looking at how medicines administration is documented, training, policies and procedures. We offer helpful recommendations on how you may be able to improve going forward. If you haven't been contacted already, we will be contacting you soon.

**We want you to be the best!**

### Reminder

Please ensure staff and service users are aware that all medicines should go into hospital with the service user. This includes routine admissions and emergencies. This improves safety and ensures continuity of care.



Don't forget we are here to help. If you need any support or guidance on the management of medicines within your service please get in touch (details below).

Our '**medication guidance for home based care & support providers**' is also available [here](#).



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