

# General Dental Services – Monthly News Sheet

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## DRUG ALERT!

### Diclo-SR 75 Tablets—Diclofenac Sodium

Strides Pharma UK Ltd trading as Co-pharma is recalling a number of batches of Diclo-SR 75 Tablets as a precautionary measure, due to high trending stability results obtained for the impurity test.

Batch Number	Expiry Date	Pack Size	First Distributed
7226423	02.2019	28 tablets	07/08/2016
7226424	02.2019	28 tablets	07/08/2016
7226425	03.2019	28 tablets	07/08/2106
7227697	06.2019	56 tablets	20/10/2016
7227698	06.2019	56 tablets	20/10/2016

All remaining packs of the listed batches should be quarantined and returned to your supplier.

### Dental Health Service Prescription Pads (HS 21D)

From Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, all dentists on the Dental List or coming onto the Dental List will be issued with ONE prescription pad (100 scripts) instead of FOUR pads (400 scripts). This decision has been taken to improve prescription security following a recent SAI in which blank prescription pads were stolen from a general dental practice. A key learning point from this SAI was that stocks of blank prescriptions should be kept to the minimum necessary. The learning from this SAI is available on the BSO website at; <http://www.hscbusiness.hscni.net/services/2670.htm>

### IT SECURITY: Advice Following Recent Cyber Attack

Following the recent global Cyber-attack, GDS practitioners are reminded about the importance of IT security and the need to be vigilant and alert to suspicious emails etc... Practices are also reminded that Windows XP is no longer supported and if you currently use Windows XP on your practice computer(s) you should seek advice from your IT provider if you have any queries in relation to your IT security and IT systems protection.

Further information on the Cyber-attack is available from the Police Service of Northern Ireland website: <https://www.psni.police.uk/news/Latest-News/140517-psni-encourages-businesses-to-act-against-potential-cyber-threat/>

#### Medical Devices Alert MDA-2017-009

For the attention of all dental practitioners.

BD Plastipak 100ml syringes. Risk of leakage. Please see the link below for further information.

<https://www.gov.uk/drug-device-alerts/bd-plastipak-100ml-catheter-tip-syringe-with-luer-slip-adaptor-specific-lots-risk-of-leakage-and-delayed-therapy>

#### Medical Devices Alert MDA-2017-13

For the attention of all dental practitioners.

All Lifepak 1000 defibrillators (AEDs). Risk of failure to deliver shock. Please see the link below for further information.

<https://www.gov.uk/drug-device-alerts/medical-device-alert-lifepak-1000-defibrillator-manufactured-by-physio-control-mda-2014-040>

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## Local Dental Committee (LDC)

The LDC is a body recognised by the HSCB to represent dentists holding a number on the dental list. There are 4 LDCs in Northern Ireland.

### **What does it do?**

- The LDC represents your interests on local and national dental issues.
- LDCs must be consulted on local matters such as OOH arrangements, practice inspections or local funding schemes
- LDCs also make nominations to committees such as the Dental Committee
- All dentists with a list number are entitled to attend and participate in the LDC meeting for their area
- LDCs meet twice a year in March/April and October/November time. Venues and dates vary with each region, minutes of the last meeting and an agenda are forwarded before each meeting

### **How does the LDC represent me?**

- The LDC officers meet the HSCB and other organisations to articulate the views of the profession on current issues.
- Officers are often members of the BDA Dental Practice Committee which negotiates with HSCB/DoH on matters such as service, remuneration and contract reform.

### **Why should I attend meetings?**

You will be informed of latest developments in local dentistry:

- Dental pilots/contract
- Local issues eg OOHs
- RQIA inspections
- Recent initiatives e.g. Dental User Group for BSO Payments System

The agenda often includes guest speakers and are approved for CPD. Most importantly get involved as it is the future of your profession. You will frequently find that other dentists share the same concerns and aspirations as yourself. You will have opportunities to question representatives and suggest topics for future meetings.

### **What does the Levy pay for - where do my contributions go?**

LDCs incur administration costs including loss of income/expenses for its elected members when working for the LDC. The levy funds raised are paid into a dedicated account. Members must submit appropriate claims to the Treasurer for payment. Accounts are completed annually.

### **How much does the Levy cost me per month?**

- The Levy rate is £1 for each £1000 of gross fees (0.001%) deducted by BSO from your monthly schedule
- The Levy is voluntary and you can withdraw by notifying the BSO in writing

### **How can I apply to contribute?**

Complete a Levy mandate form and forward to the Treasurer, Derek Manson.

**For forms and further information, please contact Derek Manson BDS ([nidentallevy@gmail.com](mailto:nidentallevy@gmail.com))**