

Northern Ireland NIAIC Safety Notice

Action

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Reporting of Medical Device and Estates Adverse Incidents and disseminating safety information

Summary

You are reminded that:-

In the interests of patients, staff and visitor safety **all** regulated healthcare providers, including Ophthalmic, Pharmaceutical & Dental practices and GP surgeries should report Adverse Incidents (AIs); involving medical devices and estates defect and failures directly to the Northern Ireland Adverse Incident Centre (NIAIC).

Action

All organisations should have procedures in place to:

- Ensure that a Medical Device Liaison Officer (MDLO) is appointed, supported and enabled to function at corporate level with suitable arrangements for continuity of cover;
- access safety information issued via the Northern Ireland Central Alert System (NICAS);
- assess the relevance of the safety information to the organisation;
- disseminate relevant information to the appropriate staff for necessary action; and
- the Trust should provide representation and cover to the periodic incident review and the Medical Device Liaison Officer (MDLO) Webex meetings.

Problem / background

- Learning from adverse events and managing safety information are fundamental to the safe delivery of care services. The aim of reporting and any subsequent investigation is to identify learning that can be shared across other healthcare service providers and work towards reducing the risk of similar incidents reoccurring, thereby improving safety for all.
- Details on reporting adverse incidents can be found in document “Reporting Adverse Incidents and Disseminating Safety Information” updated Mar 2021. An electronic copy and the Adverse Incident Form can be downloaded at the following address:-
<https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/publications/niaic-adverse-incident-reporting-guidance-and-forms>

Suggested onward Distribution

All Staff

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Enquiries and adverse incident reports in Northern Ireland should be addressed to using the reference NISN-2022-001:

Northern Ireland Adverse Incident Centre

Medical Device and Estates Safety Policy Branch
Safety Strategy Unit, CMO Group
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Belfast
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<http://www.health-ni.gov.uk/niaic>

Reporting adverse incidents in Northern Ireland

Please report directly to NIAIC using the [forms on our website](#).