

General Dental Services – Monthly News Sheet

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Information on HSCB Monitoring of Controlled Drug Prescribing.

Under the Controlled Drugs (Supervision of Management and Use) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009) the HSCB has a responsibility for ensuring the safe management and use of CDs within the HSCB by all family practitioner providers.

You are reminded of a letter dated 5th August 2016 from Michael Donaldson, Head of Dental Services, which outlines the monitoring process for the review of schedule 1-5 controlled drugs that are prescribed on NHS prescriptions (HS21Ds) for NHS patients , PCD1 prescriptions for private patients and stock orders. The letter is available at: [http://
www.hscbusiness.hscni.net/pdf/](http://www.hscbusiness.hscni.net/pdf/)

DRUG ALERT

CLASS 2

MEDICINES RECALL

Novo Nordisk Ltd. is recalling seven batches of GlucaGen HypoKit

Please see the DoH alert letter dated 6.9.2016 at following

link: [http://
www.hscbusiness.hscni.net/pdf/
PHC122016_Drug_Alert_Class_2.pdf](http://www.hscbusiness.hscni.net/pdf/PHC122016_Drug_Alert_Class_2.pdf)

Guidance on conscious sedation in dentistry

The UK CDOs have asked the Scottish Dental Clinical Effectiveness Programme (SDCEP) to review guidance on sedation in dentistry, a programme which it is currently carrying out. When that SDCEP process is completed the UK CDOs will consider its findings and write to dentists again to set out their guidance for dental teams.

As part of SDCEP's formal guidance development process a draft of the updated sedation guidance will be made available on its website for open consultation for a four week period, currently expected to start in October. We hope to be able to give more information on the actual dates of the consultation in the next newsletter but would ask any dentist interested in participating in this forthcoming consultation to keep a watch for further details on the [SDCEP Website](#) over the coming weeks.

Oral health advice to patients receiving oncology treatment

For advice to patients who are experiencing oral health problems during oncology treatment please see the following high level guidance from HSCB dated April 2015: http://www.hscbusiness.hscni.net/pdf/Oral_Health_Advice_April_2015.pdf

Mouth Cancer Resources

The leaflets and posters below are free to download and print as required from the BSO website at: <http://www.hscbusiness.hscni.net/services/2626.htm> or

[Mouth Cancer Leaflet](#) [Mouth Cancer Poster 1](#) [Mouth Cancer Poster 2](#)

The HSCB has a limited number of hard copies available. Please contact: GDSEMonthlyNewsSheet@hscni.net

Circular HSC (SQSD) (NICE NG51) 54/16 : NICE Clinical Guideline NG51 - Sepsis: recognition, diagnosis and early management 9 September 2016 t

The above circular issued by DoH on 9 September 2016 formally endorses the NICE Clinical Guideline NG51 as applicable in Northern Ireland.

This guideline covers the recognition, diagnosis and early management of sepsis for all populations. For more information see: [http://www.hscbusiness.hscni.net/pdf/Circular_HSC_\(SQSD\)_\(NG51\)_54_16.pdf](http://www.hscbusiness.hscni.net/pdf/Circular_HSC_(SQSD)_(NG51)_54_16.pdf)

On 14 September 2016 NHS Digital published:

- ◆ **Dental Earnings and Expenses, 2014/15, Initial Analysis report;** and
- ◆ **Dental Working Hours, 2014/15 and 2015/16, Initial Analysis report**

These can be accessed at <http://www.digital.nhs.uk/catalogue/PUB21315> and <http://www.digital.nhs.uk/catalogue/PUB21316>

The Belfast Trust have revised their guidelines for the referral of patients to the Consultant Paediatric Dental Service. Practitioners are advised to follow these guidelines when making referrals. These are available for download at : http://www.hscbusiness.hscni.net/pdf/Paediatric_Dental_referral_guidelines_08_07_2016.pdf

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