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Dear Colleague

SHORTAGE INFORMATION FOR HSC

The UK Medicines Shortage Response Group (MSRG) meet on a weekly basis and review the situation with medicines supply on a national level; colleagues from Department of Health (NI) are involved in these discussions.

When a medicines supply issue is considered critical, national information is drafted by the MSRG and this will be cascaded to primary care via HSCB.

Community pharmacy colleagues can access this information via 3 mechanisms:

- Shortage information in relation to specific drugs will be emailed to all community pharmacies via secure HSC email
- All shortages information is available on the BSO website: <http://www.hscbusiness.hscni.net/services/3065.htm>
- The monthly bulletin produced by DHSC in relation to medicines shortages is available on the Primary Care intranet: <http://primarycare.hscni.net/pharmacy-and-medicines-management/dhsc-monthly-bulletin/>

Regards

HSCB Pharmacy & Medicines Management