

To: Community pharmacies in Torbay

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Dear Colleague

NPSA Patient Safety Alert: The adult patient's passport to safer use of insulin

The National Patient Safety Agency (NPSA) issued this alert in March 2011.

The South Devon and Torbay Shadow Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) Diabetes Clinical Pathway Group (CPG) has recommended that the Insulin Passport and patient information leaflet attached are distributed to insulin patients by GP practices in response to the alert. These documents will also be distributed to new insulin patients by Torbay Hospital.

Action for community pharmacists in response to the alert are:

- Ensure that insulin passports are used in conjunction with prescriptions for insulin to cross-reference and confirm the correct identity of insulin products when dispensing.
- Where possible insulin passports must be kept up-to-date in order to provide accurate information.

Insulin passports and patient information leaflets will be distributed to patients by GP practices during routine annual review.

The deadline for the alert is 31 August 2012.

Full details of the alert are available at

<http://www.nrls.npsa.nhs.uk/alerts/?entryid45=130397>

Yours faithfully

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