

Date: 11th April 2011

**MESSAGE
FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

FOR THE ATTENTION OF: Community Pharmacists.

**Re: NPSA Alert: The adult patient's passport to
safer use of insulin**

Dear Colleague,

Following the email we sent last Monday regarding this alert we have had a number of queries about the availability of the insulin passport. Please note that the passport and patient booklet are not yet available; the earliest date we have been given is June and I expect it will be longer before there are adequate stocks ready for distribution. The alert closes 31st August 2012.

As with previous alerts of this nature we will be working across the health community to implement this alert. I anticipate that GP practices will distribute the passport to patients and that they will obtain them through their usual stationery route in a similar way to the anticoagulant and lithium booklets.

We will let GP practices and pharmacies know when the passports are available; please do not start to refer patients back to their GPs for passports until you have heard from us.

Full details of the alert are available at:
<http://www.nrls.npsa.nhs.uk/resources/?EntryId45=130397>

With best wishes

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A pharmacy detecting and retaining a fraudulent prescription, and informing the correct channels may be eligible for a reward payment of up to £70.00. For further information regarding the reward scheme, please contact NHS Counter Fraud Service on 0800 068 6161.

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