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For Action: Directors of Pharmaceutical Services of the HSC Board & BSO
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Regional Quality Improvement Authority

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DRUG ALERT MEDICINES RECALL

Dear Healthcare Professional,

Sandoz Limited Multiple Product Drug Alert

Product	Pack Size	PL Number
Baclofen 10mg Tablets	84	04416/0160
Fluoxetine 20mg Capsules	30	04416/0330
Metformin 500mg Tablets	28	04416/0300
Metformin 850mg Tablets	56	04416/0301

Sandoz Limited are recalling the above products due to serious Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) deficiencies found during an inspection of one of their contract manufacturers.

All unexpired stock of these products should be quarantined and returned for credit.

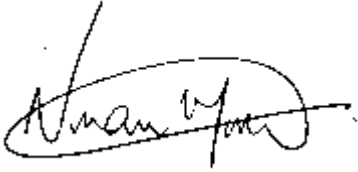
For any Medical Information enquiries related to this case please call Sandoz Limited Medical Information on 01420 478301.

For enquiries related to stock returns and credit please call Sandoz Limited Customer Service on 01420 478301 or email sales.sandoz-gb@sandoz.com

HSC Board/RQIA should bring this information to the attention of private hospitals/clinics registered with them, Out of Hours Centres and any other relevant care facilities.

The Business Services Organisation is asked to bring this information to the attention of Community Pharmacists and General Medical Practitioners directly.

Yours sincerely

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