

1. DEVICE/EQUIPMENT:

All Medi-Tec Classic hoists manufactured before 26 March 2008. These hoists are used in hospitals and in the community.

2. PROBLEM:

The MHRA has received reports of two incidents where the spreader bar detached from the boom of the hoist while it was in use.

The manufacturer has consequently modified the interface between the spreader bar and the boom, and has fitted the modified assembly to new hoists since 26 March 2008. The manufacturer is also carrying out an exchange programme for hoists that are already in the field. The manufacturer is unable to trace all hoists in use, especially where they have been passed on to second or subsequent users.

3. ACTION BY:

Risk of spreader bar becoming detached in use and dropping the hoist occupant.

4. ACTION:

- Trace all Medi-Tec Classic hoists manufactured before 26 March 2008 that are in use or in storage.
- Contact Aidservice Ltd. (Tel 01257 425 538) to arrange for the boom swivel assembly to be exchanged.

5. ONWARD DISTRIBUTION TO:

Please bring this notice to the attention of all who need to know or be aware of it. This will include distribution to:

- All wards
- Equipment stores
- Health and safety managers
- Loan store managers
- Maintenance staff and contractors
- Moving and handling co-ordinators
- Nursing executive directors
- Nursing staff
- Occupational therapists
- Physiotherapists
- Risk managers
- Community equipment stores
- Community hospitals
- District nurses
- Practice nurses
- Schools with facilities for the disabled
- Independent Health and Social Care Providers – Private Hospitals & Clinics, Residential and Nursing Homes through RQIA

6. CONTACTS:

Enquiries to manufacturer should be addressed to:

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Bradley Hall Estate
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Enquiries to NIAIC should quote reference number MDEA(NI)2008/060 and be addressed to:

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Health Estates
Estate Policy Directorate
Stoney Road
Dundonald
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Tel: 028 9052 3868

Fax: 028 9052 3900

Email: NIAIC@dhsspsni.gov.uk

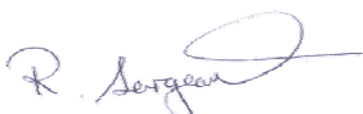
7. FEEDBACK:

Action deadlines for the Safety Alert Broadcast System for HPSS Trusts (SABS)

Acknowledge Receipt of Alert:
1st Aug 2008

Action Under Way:
1st Sept 2008

Action Complete:
30th Oct 2008



Robert Sergeant
NIAIC Operational Manager

HOW TO REPORT ADVERSE INCIDENTS

Adverse Incidents relating to medical devices, non-medical equipment, plant and buildings should be reported to NIAIC as soon as possible. Advice on how to report is given in MDEA(NI)2007/01. If you are in doubt about how to report incidents, please speak to your liaison officer or contact NIAIC using the telephone number provided. Adverse Incident reporting forms and an on-line reporting facility are available on the NIAIC website at www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/niaic

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