

HN (NI) 2001/28

DATE: 21 December 2001

**For Attention and Action by:
Chief Executive of each HSS Trust
General Manager/Chief Executive of each HSS Board
Chief Executive of each Agency**



HEALTH ESTATES
ESTATE POLICY

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TITLE:

**INTER CARE ALL-IN-ONE HOIST: RISK OF
SPREADER BAR DETACHMENT**

MANUFACTURER/SUPPLIER

Talley Medical Ltd – 1997 onwards
Care & Mobility Ltd – before 1997

PROBLEM

Risk of injury from detachment of the Spreader Bar Assembly on Inter Care “All-in-one” Hoists manufactured between March 1996 and August 1999.

DISTRIBUTION

This notice should be brought to the attention of all who need to know or be aware of it, including those listed below, in accordance with local procedures. This will include:

- Liaison Officers
- Risk Managers
- Health & Safety Officers/Advisors
- Device Managers
- Estates Managers
- Nurse Directors
- Medical, Nursing and Care Staff
- Supplies Staff
- Special Care Baby Units
- Social Care Staff
- Community Care Staff
- Carers of the Elderly
- Practice Nurses
- Residential and Nursing Homes
- Hospices
- Private Clinics
- Health Visitors
- Occupational Therapy Services

Boards/Trusts should ensure that if appropriate, this information is passed to all persons having the responsibility for the premises registered under "THE REGISTERED HOMES (NI) ORDER 1992.

IMMEDIATE ACTION

- All users of Inter Care “All-in-one” Hoists should check the serial numbers to establish if they are within the range 96/03/126 to 99/06/282. Appendix 1 shows the serial number location.
- If they are within this range, Talley Group Ltd should be contacted with the hoist serial number to enable corrective action to be taken.
- The hoist should be taken out of service immediately and quarantined to prevent further use, until the corrective action and re-load testing have been completed.

**HAZARD
NOTICE**

BACKGROUND

NIAIC has been informed of a fatality where the spreader bar assembly became detached whilst transferring a patient from a chair to a bed. The bush attached to the eyebolt had worn away at the interface with the spreader bar assembly. The "All-in-one" Hoists are manufactured by Inter Care Scandinavia A/S, Denmark and distributed by Talley Group Ltd since 1997, and previously by Care & Mobility Ltd before 1997

All enquiries regarding corrective action should be directed to Talley Group Ltd not Care & Mobility Ltd.

ENQUIRIES

Enquiries to the manufacturer should be addressed to:

Sheila Case
Talley Group Ltd
Premier Way
Abby Park Industrial Estate
Romsey
Hants
SO51 9AQ

Tel: 01794 503500
Fax: 01794 503555
E-mail: S.Case@Tallymedical.co.uk

Enquires to the NIAIC should quote the reference number HN(NI) 2001/28 and be addressed to:

Northern Ireland Adverse Incident Centre (NIAIC)
Health Estates
Estate Policy Directorate
Stoney Road
Dundonald
Belfast BT16 1US
Marked for the attention of Mr Brian Godfrey

Tel: 02890 523714
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Email: brian.godfrey@dhsspsni.gov.uk

Brian Godfrey
NIAIC 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 Safety Notice SN (NI) 2001/01. If you are in doubt about how to report incidents, please speak to your liaison officer or contact NIAIC using the telephone number provided.

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