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Dear Sir/Madam

NIAIC DEVICE BULLETINS AND OTHER GUIDANCE PUBLICATIONS

Summary

The Northern Ireland Adverse Incident Centre (NIAIC) has ceased to publish Northern Ireland equivalents of Device Bulletins and other guidance publications produced by the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA). This position will be kept under review depending on the subject of the Device Bulletin or guidance publication.

Device Bulletins and other guidance publications present good practice concerning the use and management of medical devices, leading to improved safety. They are published when guidance and information is needed over an extended area, for example, the Use of Single-Use Devices and the Decontamination of Endoscopes. They deal effectively with problems which keep recurring and which can be solved by good training and practice, rather than by modifying or withdrawing a particular product.

A list of previously published NIAIC and current MHRA published Device Bulletins and other guidance is available on the NIAIC website at www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/niaic. Current MHRA Device Bulletins and guidance publications can be obtained in pdf format from the MHRA website at www.mhra.gov.uk or by following the link provided on the NIAIC website.

The NIAIC website also contains regularly updated Medical Device/Equipment Alerts and other supporting information that is applicable to the HPSS and wider health and social care community in Northern Ireland. It is recommended that Health, Social Care and Estates professionals regularly check the NIAIC website for current information or guidance concerning medical device or equipment safety.

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- Health & Safety Officers/Advisors
- Medical Directors
- Clinical Directors
- Executive Social Work Directors
- HSS Trust Pharmacy Managers
- Nursing Directors
- All Medical, Nursing and Care Staff
- Ambulance Staff and Paramedics
- Allied Health Professionals
- Social Care Staff
- Estates Managers
- Trust Service Commissioning Managers
- Independent Health and Social Care Providers – Private Clinics, Residential and Nursing Homes through HSS Board R&I Units
- Children’s Homes
- Day Care Centres
- Practice Nurses
- Community Nurses
- Practice Managers
- GP Registrars
- Directors of Public Health
- Clinical and Social Care Governance Leads
- Chairs of Local Health and Social Care Groups (LHSCGs).
- Community Care Staff

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Yours faithfully

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