

# Medical Device/Equipment ALERT

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## **TITLE: SUICIDE RISK FROM POINTS OF LIGATURE RELATED TO SUSPENDED CEILINGS**

### **BACKGROUND:**

This Alert may contain information which may be of use to persons wishing to self harm within the Healthcare environment. In order to minimise the risk, this Alert is not available on the Public Internet, but has been distributed widely to Healthcare practitioners.

If you require a copy of the Alert and are a member a Healthcare Trust, please contact your Liaison Officer in the first instance, otherwise use the contact below specifying your contact details and the nature of your interest in this Alert.

NIAIC reserve the right to distribute this alert to organisations and persons which do not demonstrate adequate need for the information.

### **CONTACTS:**

Enquiries to NIAIC should quote the appropriate reference number and be addressed to:

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#### **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)2006/01. 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](http://www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/niaic)

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