



Re-using Medicines in Care Homes and Hospices in England during the Covid-19 Pandemic

Introduction

Guidance was issued on 28th April 2020 by the Department of Health and Social Care together with NHS England and NHS Improvement regarding the re-use of medicines in Care Homes and Hospices during the pandemic. The guidance is being constantly reviewed and updated during this period and this pack was produced in line with the guidance issued on 28th April.

The updated guidance can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-reuse-of-medicines-in-a-care-home-or-hospice>



How Opus Can Help You

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We know it is hard to navigate through pages of guidance and so we have produced an easy-read summary of the document for you

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We have produced a checklist for you to complete to make sure you have completed all the tasks necessary before re-use of medicines can occur

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We have provided template forms for you to use

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We have provided updated procedures for you to follow during this period

This is Opus Pharmacy Services' interpretation of the Department of Health & Social Care guidance - " Coronavirus (COVID-19): reuse of medicines in a care home or hospice "

This resource pack is designed to help you implement the guidance. You must follow any specific local CCG guidance and seek independent professional advice where required.

This document will be regularly updated to reflect current guidance.