



National Clinical Homecare Association

News

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Falsified Medicines Directive Implementation Guidance

NCHA has published Guidance on Implementation of Falsified Medicines Directive in Clinical Homecare – The Way Forward and Frequently Asked Questions. This guidance has been developed with the assistance of MHRA and DHSC and can be found alongside the official guidance for implementation of FMD in all sectors here (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/implementing-the-falsified-medicines-directive-safety-features>).

NCHA Members are invited to send representatives to the second NCHA Falsified Medicines Directive (FMD) Workshop following recent publication of

NCHA will be holding a second FMD workshop on 7th March in London. MHRA inspectorate and Securmed will be giving an update on the current status of the implementation. The workshop aims are to review

- Current status of FMD systems implementation in Homecare Pharmacies
- Learning from the early weeks of implementation
- Governance issues; managing error messages
- Standardisation, guidelines, training needs
- FAQs update
- Further work

General Data Protection Regulations Implementation Guidance

We are pleased to announce the publication of the NCHA Position statement on the Impact of the General Data Protection Regulation in Clinical and Medicines Homecare Services and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs). The documents can be found on the NCHA website - <https://www.clinicalhomecare.org/resources/ncha-position-statements/>

NCHA has worked with NHSE, ICO and NHMC to prepare these documents and would like to thank colleagues from those organisations who helped in the drafting and review of these documents. The FAQs cover information for NHS Trusts and Homecare Providers and, we understand, there are no plans for a separate NHS Homecare FAQ document. It is NCHA intention to submit these documents for formal NHSE approval. NCHA will continue to work with NHMC and NHSE Commercial Medicines Unit to minimise duplication of efforts as we ensure good contractual governance for NHS Homecare Medicines Services.

NCHA will also liaise with NHS Scotland, NHS Wales and HSCNI to discuss a standard approach to implementation of GDPR in homecare services each of the home nations. The FAQ document will be updated as new questions arise and further clarification is needed.

NCHA will be holding a second FMD workshop on 20th March in London. NHMC and NHS England Information Governance Specialists will contribute to the discussion. The workshop aims are to review

- remaining questions about the sharing of patient data between NHS and Homecare Providers
- explore sharing of patient data between Homecare providers and pharma manufacturers and non-NHS organisations that fund homecare services
- data sharing in patient support programmes
- patient identifiable data in pharmacovigilance reports
- definitions of anonymous and pseudonymous data in the context of homecare services

Update on NCHA Strategy Review

Good progress has been made against the detailed workplan for 2016-18. NCHA Board has recently reviewed our strategy for the coming 3-5 years as follows:-

- Continue with standardisation agenda focusing on implementation of agreed standards and templates
- Work with pharma and NHS stakeholders to ensure financial cost/benefit models are available to inform commissioners and the strategic development of our industry
- Work with pharma and NHS stakeholders to ensure publication of clinical outcomes data
- Establish relationships with key stakeholders to raise the profile and improve the understanding of clinical homecare by key decision makers

NCHA has formed 2 additional workgroups during 2018. NCHA workgroups now cover the following areas

- Finance & Market Robustness
- Operations & Efficiency
- Clinical Governance
- Digital
- Nursing and Clinical Services

Events & activities

NCHA All Member's Meeting 4th July, London

NCHA All Member's Meeting 14th November, London

These are invitation only meetings for NCHA members and invited guests including NHS Regional Homecare Specialists and CMU Homecare specialists.

Third Annual Clinical Homecare Conference and Symposium 2020

6th February 2020 in Birmingham

Following the success of this year's recent Clinical Homecare Conference & Symposium held in January, please "Save the Date" for the 3rd Annual Clinical Homecare Conference. Plans

include a bigger and better poster session - please contact info@clinicalhomecare.co.uk for more information.

About NCHA

The National Clinical Homecare Association (NCHA) was established in 2006 to represent and promote the patient-led interests of specific organisations whose primary activity is to provide medical supplies, support and clinical services to patients in the community.

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