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IMMEDIATE MESSAGE TO:

1. Directors of Pharmacy
2. Chief Pharmacists NHS Boards
3. Hospital Pharmacy Managers
4. Medical Directors
5. Chief Executives NHS Boards

8 February 2016

Dear Healthcare Professional,

DRUG ALERT CLASS 2 no 1 2016 – Action within 48 hours

Please see the attached drug alert for onward transmission as below.
Could all Directors of Pharmacy please forward this alert to:-

- Community Pharmacists
- Hospital Pharmacists
- Chief Pharmacists to forward on to Medicines Information Pharmacists

Please could Medical Directors forward this alert to:-

- General Practitioners
- Accident & Emergency Departments
- Directors of Public Health
- Relevant Clinics
- Chief Executives of NHS Boards

Thank you for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely

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DRUG ALERT

CLASS 2 MEDICINES RECALL

Action Within 48 Hours
Patient, Pharmacy and Retail Level Recall

Date: 08 February 2016

EL(16)A/01

Our Ref: MDR 013-01/16

St John's Wort Tablets

THR 02231/0002

Product Name	Batch Number	Expiry Date	Pack Size	First distributed
Asda St John's Wort	14279	05/2016	30 tablets	25/10/2013
HRI Good Mood	14255	05/2016	30 tablets	26/09/2013
HRI Good Mood	14662	05/2016	30 tablets	09/04/2014
HRI Good Mood	14498	08/2016	30 tablets	16/01/2014
HRI Good Mood	14660	08/2016	30 tablets	11/05/2014
Superdrug St John's Wort	14523	08/2016	30 tablets	08/01/2014

The Herbal Research Company Ltd is recalling six batches of St John's Wort tablets as testing has shown the presence of a toxic pyrrolizidine alkaloid (PA) above the threshold recommended by the Committee on Herbal Medicinal Products (HMPC).

Retailers and Wholesalers are asked to return any remaining stock to their original supplier.

Patients should return any packs to The Herbal Research Company Ltd. Call 01934 838820 or e-mail recall@QP-Services.com to receive a pre-paid stamped addressed envelope.

For medical information enquiries please contact The Herbal Research Company Ltd on telephone 01934 838820 or 07919585040 c/o QP-Services UK Ltd, 46 High Street, Yatton, BS49 4HJ, UK, or via e-mail: recall@QP-Services.com.

Recipients of this Drug Alert should bring it to the attention of relevant contacts by copy of this letter. As this is a General Sales List Traditional Herbal Registration product, there is low likelihood that it will be relevant to hospital pharmacies. Local area teams are asked to forward this to community pharmacists for action, and to general practitioners for information.

Yours faithfully

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