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**IMMEDIATE MESSAGE TO:**

1. Directors of Pharmacy
2. Medical Directors NHS Boards

9 April 2019

Dear Healthcare Professional,

**DRUG ALERT CLASS 4 no 9 2019 – Martindale Pharmaceuticals Limited  
Chloramphenicol 0.5% W/V Antibiotic Eye Drops PL 00156/0109**

Please see the attached drug alert for onward transmission as below.

Could all Directors of Pharmacy please forward this alert to:-

- Hospital Pharmacists
- Community Pharmacists
- Primary Care Pharmacists

Please could Medical Directors forward this alert to:-

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

Thank you for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely

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## **DRUG ALERT**

### **CLASS 4 MEDICINES DEFECT INFORMATION**

**Caution in Use**  
**Distribute to Pharmacy Level**

Date: 09 April 2019

EL (19)A/09

Our Ref: MDR 105-03/19

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Dear Healthcare Professional,

### **Martindale Pharmaceuticals Limited**

### **Chloramphenicol 0.5% W/V Antibiotic Eye Drops**

**PL 00156/0109**

Martindale Pharmaceuticals has informed us of two issues with all unexpired batches of the above product, PL 00156/0109, legal status 'P'. The batch numbers are tabulated below:

<a href="#">1810248</a>	<a href="#">1901208</a>
<a href="#">1811060</a>	<a href="#">1901756</a>
<a href="#">1811129</a>	<a href="#">1901757</a>
<a href="#">1811249</a>	<a href="#">1901759</a>
<a href="#">1812309</a>	<a href="#">1901854</a>
<a href="#">1812310</a>	<a href="#">1902375</a>
<a href="#">1812583</a>	<a href="#">1902389</a>
<a href="#">1901163</a>	<a href="#">1902418</a>
<a href="#">1901164</a>	<a href="#">1902601</a>

### **Brief description of the problem**

- The Braille is missing from the carton
- Packs contain the Patient Information Leaflet (PIL) for the product with legal status 'POM'.

### **Advice for healthcare professionals**

In order to maintain supply, the affected batches are not being recalled.

The content of the PIL for the 'P' version is similar to that for the 'POM' version but there are some differences in the way the information is expressed. The correct PIL for the 'P' product can be downloaded via the following link:

<https://www.medicines.org.uk/emc/product/9662/pil>



### **Further Information**

For any enquiries please contact Martindale / Ethypharm Customer Services, email  
[Licensed@ethypharm.com](mailto:Licensed@ethypharm.com)

Recipients of this Drug Alert should bring it to the attention of relevant contacts by copy of this letter. NHS Regional Teams are asked to forward this to relevant clinics, community pharmacists and dispensing General Practitioners for information.

Yours faithfully

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