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Medicine Supply Alert Notice

Midazolam (5mg/ml) 50mg in10ml solution for injection ampoules **Priority:** Level 2 Valid until: 31 January 2020

Issue

- 1. Hameln and Accord have both reported a supply issue with midazolam (5mg/ml) 50mg in 10ml ampoules.
- 2. This will affect the whole of the UK.

Advice and Actions

3. Pharmacists and pharmacy procurement teams should review remaining stock holding of midazolam (5mg/ml) 50mg in 10ml ampoules and if required order **midazolam (5mg/ml) 10mg in 2ml ampoules** from Hameln and Accord.

4. Pharmacists should review local protocols, ensure that all those affected are aware of this issue and that consideration is given to mitigating the risks associated with switching to a different volume of midazolam (5mg/ml) ampoule presentation.

5. Hameln and Accord have confirmed they have sufficient midazolam (5mg/ml) 2ml ampoules to support full forecast demand of the 10ml ampoules.

6. All relevant healthcare professionals should be notified of the risk management and patient safety implications of this supply issue.

Enquiries

7. Any enquiries should be directed to PharmacyTeam@gov.scot