



15 April 2021

Medicine Supply Alert Notice

Diamorphine hydrochloride powder for reconstitution and injection 5mg and 10mg ampoules

Priority: Level 2*
Valid until: w/c 19th April 2021

Issue

1. There are very limited supplies of diamorphine 5mg and 10mg ampoules available until w/c 19th April 2021.
2. Clinicians in both primary and secondary care are reminded of permanent actions they were recommended to take in [MSAN \(2020\) 10 update](#) for diamorphine ampoules issued 9th April 2020.

Advice and Actions

3. All healthcare professionals in primary and secondary care including hospices, who prescribe, dispense or administer diamorphine should continue to work with their local pharmacy procurement teams or local lead within their organisation to:
 - implement the permanent actions set out in [MSAN \(2020\) 10 update](#) for diamorphine injection issued in April 2020.
4. Additionally, those in secondary care should ensure that:
 - where patients cannot be treated with alternative opioid agents, they contact [National Procurement](#) which in cases of urgent clinical need, may be able to facilitate the sharing of stock.

Additional Information

- [UKMi shortage memo diamorphine injection 5mg and 10mg](#)
- [Diamorphine SmPC](#)

Enquiries

5. Enquiries from Health Boards or healthcare professionals should be directed in the first instance to PharmacyTeam@gov.scot (primary care) or NSS.NHSSMedicineShortages@nhs.scot (secondary care).