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NHS Scotland Pharmaceutical ‘Specials’ Service (PSS)

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|  |  | James Arrott Drive  Ninewells Hospital  Dundee  DD2 1UB  19th Oct 2021 |

Dear Dental Practitioner

**Supply problem with Emergency Dental Boxes**

As you are aware over the past 6 months there have been problems with the supply of emergency dental kits from ourselves. This has been due to lack of availability of Midazolam Oromucosal Solution and when available, only has a short shelf life.

We have been working with the Deputy Chief Dental Officer, Chief Pharmaceutical Officer and with National Procurement to form a contingency plan in the event of the medicines within the kit becoming unavailable. We have agreed that moving forward we introduce midazolam injection ampoules which will be drawn up using an oral syringe and administered buccally. Before this change can be implemented a training package requires to be developed by NES and practitioners trained. The target date for this will be January 2022.

We recognise that there are a number of emergency drug kits expiring at the end of October and December 2021. The drug dictating the expiry date of these boxes is the Adrenaline injection 1:1000 for anaphylaxis. We are therefore proposing that if you have one of these kits; that we supply you with a box of ten Adrenaline injection 1:1000 1 ml ampoules which will prolong the shelf life of the box until the end of February 2022 when the next item in the box expires. This will allow for the training package to be developed and undertaken. The cost of the delivered Adrenaline will be £7.50 per box.

If you wish to take advantage of this option, please confirm that this proposal is suitable to you, by emailing the name and address of the dental practice, the name of the lead dentist and their GDC number to [tay.pssoffice@nhs.scot](mailto:tay.pssoffice@nhs.scot).

Should you wish to purchase the entire emergency drug kit this is still available at £220, however with the issues surrounding the expiry of the Buccolam we cannot guarantee the box to have an expiry longer than June 2022. These can be ordered by sending a signed letter to NHS Scotland Pharmaceutical ‘Specials’ Service, James Arrott Drive, Ninewells Hospital, Dundee, DD2 1UB. Email and scanned copies of the letter attached to an email will not be accepted.

Regards,

**Simon**

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