

## Parkinson's Medication

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Further to your Freedom of Information Act request, please find the Trust's response(s) below:

Please be aware that the Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (Royal Devon) has existed since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 following the integration of the Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust (known as Northern Services) and the Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust (known as Eastern Services).

### Self-administration of medication policies

1. Does your hospital have a self-administration of medication policy?

Answer: Yes.

If yes:

- a) Does it enable all people with Parkinson's admitted to the hospital to be assessed to administer their own medication should they wish to do so?

Answer: Yes, where assessed as appropriate/competent.

- b) Does your hospital have the necessary resources (e.g. lockable cupboards, staff training) to enact the self-administration of medication policy?

Answer: Yes. Bedside lockers (lockable) are available across the majority of inpatient areas.

- c) How many inpatient wards/departments is the self-administration of medication policy operational in out of the total number of inpatient wards/departments?

Answer: Trustwide policy. Self-administration policy can be used in any inpatient area.

### Training

2. Do you require inpatient hospital ward clinical staff who prescribe or administer medicine to complete training on medication management in Parkinson's?

Answer: No, not in addition to professional training.

If yes:

- a) Is this training mandatory for staff who prescribe or administer medicine?

Answer: No.

- b) Please specify the name of this training and course provider?

Not applicable.

- c) What percentage of staff who prescribe or administer medicine have completed this training?  
Not applicable.
  - d) Which types of clinician are required to complete this training?  
Not applicable.
  - e) How often do you require staff who prescribe or administer medicine to repeat this training?  
Not applicable.
3. Do you require inpatient hospital ward clinical staff to complete training on time critical or time sensitive medications (including Parkinson's medication)? Answer: No, not in addition to professional training. There is however training delivered by Specialist Nurses and more senior staff on the wards to ensure staff are aware of the policy for delivering time sensitive medication, including identifying them as part of the handover process and prioritising medications.
- If yes:
- a) Is this training mandatory for staff who prescribe or administer medicine?  
Not applicable
  - b) Please specify the name of this training and course provider? Not applicable
  - c) What percentage of staff who prescribe or administer medicine have completed this training? Not applicable
  - d) Which types of clinician are required to complete this training? Not applicable
  - e) How often do you require staff who prescribe or administer medicine to repeat this training? Not applicable

## E-prescribing

4. Does your hospital have e-prescribing?  
Answer: Yes.
- a) Does it have the functionality to record when medication was administered in 30 minute intervals over a 24 hour period?  
Answer: Yes.
  - b) Does it have the functionality to alert hospital ward staff when a patient's medication is due to be administered?  
Answer: Yes.
  - c) Does it have the functionality to alert hospital ward staff when a patient's medication is late in being administered?  
Answer: Yes.
  - d) Does your hospital have an electronic alert system to identify patients requiring time critical medication?  
Answer: Yes.  
If yes, please list the health conditions included as requiring time critical medication?  
Answer: Alerts are based on medications rather than patient diagnosis.

e) Does your hospital use an e-prescribing system to regularly run reports of delayed medication doses and 'drugs not available' for Parkinson's medication?

Answer: Reports are available specifically for delayed doses in Parkinson's medication, these are run on ad hoc basis when required.

## Other

5. Are Parkinson's medications available to clinical staff 24 hours a day, seven days a week? (e.g. this medication is stocked in an emergency medicines cabinet)

Answer: Yes, medication stock or urgent request to the on-call Pharmacist.

6. Do you have a system in place to ensure people with Parkinson's get their medication on time while waiting to be seen in the Accident and Emergency department?

Answer: Yes, Once the time critical medication has been prescribed the Electronic Health Record (EHR) flag an alert to the ED nursing staff as to when the medication is due.