FMD: What you need to know & do
Issue 5: Less than one month to go

GMLPC
Supporting Community Pharmacy
in Greater Manchester

About the Falsified Medicines Directive (FMD)   10th January 2019

4 weeks to go!

- FMD comes into effect across the UK and the rest of Europe on 9th February 2019. Pharmacies will need to **verify** medicines are legitimate by scanning and checking them against the medicines verification system (**SecurMed UK**) and then **decommission** them (removing them from the system) when they are supplied to the patient.

- FMD aims to prevent the supply of falsified medicines – i.e. medicines that may contain the wrong active ingredients, or the wrong amount of the correct active ingredients.

- Medicines placed on the market from 9th February will feature an **Anti-Tampering Device (ATD)** and a **Unique Identifier (UI)**. (Manufacturers will have six months from the date of approval of variation to exhaust their 'old' stock and have 'new' stock ready for the market with the ADT and UI.)

- Community pharmacies need to be compliant with the new rules – this means registering with SecurMed UK, checking your IT systems are compliant, and changing SOPs and processes.

Guidance to help you comply with FMD

FMD Source website
This is the official guidance for UK community pharmacies and includes links to a wealth of information including lists of FMD suppliers and the SecurMed UK website that all pharmacies have to register with. Visit FMD Source.

NHS Digital Toolkit
NHS Digital has produced a toolkit to help community pharmacies prepare for, and comply with, the Falsified Medicines Directive (FMD). It includes guidance on what happens if there is a 'No Deal' Brexit. Access the toolkit. The toolkit can help you:
- Identify **how to implement FMD most effectively in your pharmacy**.
- **Prepare and train staff** so they understand how systems/processes will change as you verify and decommission medicines at the point of supply to the patient.
- Access **other useful FMD resources**, including a list of suppliers and the SecurMed UK website where you will need to register your pharmacy.

Royal Pharmaceutical Society: Ultimate guide to FMD
The RPS has produced an 'ultimate guide' to help pharmacies comply with FMD by 9th February. All RPS members can access it - just log in at the bottom of this RPS webpage.

GMLPC & GM Healthcare Academy resources
We have produced some short guides to help pharmacies comply with FMD. You can also access the slides from our GM Healthcare Academy briefing event in November, where Raj Patel (Chair of the UK FMD Working Group for Community Pharmacy) explained what's required.

*Note: This is just a summary. Please visit https://fmdsource.co.uk for the full official guidance

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NPA guidance & SOPs

The NPA has produced guidance and template SOPs to help its members comply with FMD. NPA members can access them here. (The SOPs are at the bottom of that page.)

View the slides from our FMD Briefing and Q&A Event

You can now view all the slides from our FMD briefing with Raj Patel – Chair of the UK FMD Working Group for Community Pharmacy – on our website. **Find out more & view the slides**.

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