



"Just in Case" Boxes

Information for Community Pharmacists

A new initiative called "Just in Case" Boxes will soon be in action on the Island. This project has been awarded platinum points under the quality target of the scheme. See *attached protocol & the '3 steps guidance'*. This entails GPs prescribing 5 core drugs in anticipation of their need for those individuals coming to the end of their lives. The drugs are for subcutaneous administration by professionals and are Diamorphine, Midazolam, Levomepromazine and Glycopyrronium. In addition sublingual Lorazepam will be prescribed for patient's own use.

In essence the scheme will operate as follows:

- GP generates the prescription and alerts District Nurse.
- Family collect drugs from community pharmacy.
- District Nurse (DN) visits the patient's home and places drugs in the orange hobby craft "Just in Case" box with the administration sheet and professionals guide. The DN explains the scheme to the patient / family and supplies them with the information leaflet.
- All unused drugs are returned to the community pharmacist in the orange "Just in Case" box for disposal.



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- PHARMCISTS please could you then kindly complete the 'Destruction Audit Form' in the plastic cover on the box and fax it to the Hospice 533742 and then contact DN as directed to collect the box for recirculation (example attached).



Your assistance with this project will be greatly valued.

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Thank you. Lyn