



# Medicine Supply Notification

## Diamorphine 5mg and 10mg Injection (Accord)

Tier 2 – medium impact\*

Date of issue: 12 November 2019

### Summary

- Accord have ongoing issues at their manufacturing plant in Europe and are unable to support the UK with diamorphine 5mg and 10mg injection.
- Wockhardt, the only alternative UK supplier, are unable to fully support the UK market.
- Morphine 10mg injection (Hameln) is available to support this supply issue.
- Anticipated resolution date: 01 March 2020

### Actions Required

#### Secondary Care Trusts in UK

- Continue to order diamorphine 5mg injection at 50% of historical demand.
- From w/c 18 November, order diamorphine 10mg injection up to 60% of historical demand.
- Discuss this supply issue with clinical colleagues. Consider local prioritisation of available diamorphine 5mg and 10mg stock.
- Continue to order morphine 10mg injection from Martindale in line with historic demand. Martindale CANNOT support increased orders.
- Order additional morphine 10mg injection from Hameln, who can support this supply issue.
- Please consider how you will manage having two morphine 10mg injection presentations in your departments.
- Please let your regional procurement specialist know of any local issues or if you are considering using an alternative other than morphine.
- Please cascade onto any relevant networks, who may find this information useful.

### Supporting Information

- Diamorphine 5mg and 10mg injection will be available from usual wholesalers. No physical allocations will be put in place for secondary care, but CMU will be monitoring monthly purchases. Trusts who continue to order at 100% of their historical ordering patterns or found to be over-ordering will be challenged. Allocations will be shared by regional procurement leads to support local trust management.
- UKMi guidance to support the management of this supply issue can be found at <https://www.sps.nhs.uk/articles/shortage-of-diamorphine-5-and-10mg/>
- If following discussion with clinical colleagues, you have any concerns around patient safety please do not hesitate to contact your local Medication Safety Officer.

- Primary care, private hospitals, hospices and substance misuse treatment centres can continue to order diamorphine, unrestricted, from usual wholesalers.

## Enquiries

Enquiries from NHS Trusts in England should in the first instance be directed to your Regional Procurement Lead and national teams if required.

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