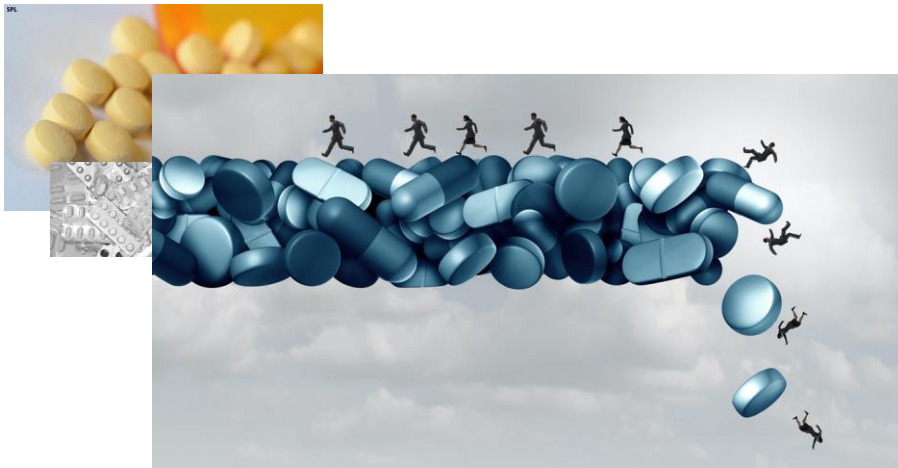


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Links

- <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2012/1916/contents/made>
- <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2012/1916/schedule/17/made>
- <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2012/1916/schedule/19/made>
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/rules-for-the-sale-supply-and-administration-of-medicines/rules-for-the-sale-supply-and-administration-of-medicines-for-specific-healthcare-professionals>
- <https://www.sps.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/To-PGD-v9.5-Jan-2018.pdf>

Medicines and law

- Disclaimer – I am not a legal expert and law is subject to interpretation and case law. Professional judgement must be used in all cases and legal advice sought in case of potential conflict or confusion with the law.

Legal Classes of Medicines

- General Sales List (GSL)
- Pharmacy Only Medicines (P)
- Prescription only medicines (POMs)
- Controlled drugs (CD).

Controlled Drugs

- Schedules One to five relate to medicinal uses, side effects and addiction potential.
 - Classes One to three relate to criminal penalties for possession and supply.
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- Reference Medicines, Ethics and Practice, Royal Pharmaceutical Society
 - British National Formulary

Supply, Possession and Administration of medicines.

- Who can be supplied a medicines.
- Who can be in legal possession of a medicine.
- Who can administer a medicine.
- Who can supply a medicine.

Administration

- No restriction of administration of medicines.
 - Except CD's and Parenteral drugs
- Parenteral medicines
 - Exemption – Schedule 17 and 19
 - PGD
 - PSD

Human Medicines Regulation 2012

- States
- Sale or supply of prescription only medicines
- 214.—(1) A person may not sell or supply a prescription only medicine except in accordance with a prescription given by an appropriate practitioner.
- (7) This regulation is subject to Chapter 3 (exemptions)

Supply / Administration by PGD

- (3) Condition B is that—
 - (a) the product is supplied for the purpose of being administered to a person in accordance with a patient group direction (“PGD”);
 - (b) the PGD relates to the supply of a description or class of medicinal product by the person by whom the medicinal product is supplied and has effect at the time at which it is supplied;
 - (c) the PGD contains the particulars specified in Part 1 of Schedule 16;
 - (d) the PGD is signed on behalf of the person specified in column 2 of the table in Part 2 of that Schedule (“the authorising person”) against the entry in column 1 of that table for the class of person by whom the product is supplied;
 - (e) the individual who supplies the product—
 - (i) belongs to one of the classes of individual specified in Part 4 of that Schedule, and
 - (ii) is designated in writing, on behalf of the authorising person, for the purpose of the supply or administration of products under the PGD;
- <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2012/1916/regulation/229/made>

Possession

- Offensive under the Misuse of Drugs act to be in illegal possession of a CD.
- Paramedics have exemption for morphine and diazepam under schedule 17.
- Paramedics have PGD permissions for ketamine and midazolam.

Links

- To PGD or Not to PGD
- <https://www.sps.nhs.uk/articles/to-pgd-or-not-to-pgd-that-is-the-question/>
- Human Medicines Regulations 2012
- <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2012/1916/contents/made>
- Schedule 17 HMR
- <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2012/1916/schedule/17/made>
- Schedule 19 HMR
- <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2012/1916/schedule/19/made>
- Paramedic supply of medicines
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/rules-for-the-sale-supply-and-administration-of-medicines/rules-for-the-sale-supply-and-administration-of-medicines-for-specific-healthcare-professionals>
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