



Medicine Supply Notification

MSN/2021/021

Diamorphine hydrochloride powder for reconstitution and injection 5mg and 10mg ampoules

Tier 2 – medium impact*

Date of issue: 09/04/2021

Summary

- There are very limited supplies of diamorphine 5mg and 10mg ampoules available until w/c 19th April 2021.
- Clinicians in both primary and secondary care are reminded of permanent actions they were recommended to take in the [Supply Disruption Alert](#) for diamorphine ampoules issued 25th March 2020.

Actions Required

All healthcare professionals in primary and secondary care including hospices, who prescribe, dispense or administer diamorphine should continue to work with their local Medication Safety Officer (MSO), pharmacy procurement teams or local lead within their organisation to:

- implement the permanent actions set out in the [Supply Disruption Alert](#) for diamorphine injection issued in March 2020.

Additionally, those in secondary care should ensure that:

- where patients cannot be treated with alternative opioid agents, they contact their Regional Pharmacy Procurement Specialist who, in cases of urgent clinical need, may be able to facilitate the sharing of stock.

Supporting information

- [UKMi shortage memo diamorphine injection 5mg and 10mg](#)
- [Diamorphine SmPC](#)

Enquiries

If you have any queries, please contact DHSCmedicinesupplyteam@dhsc.gov.uk.

*Classification of Tiers can be found at the following link:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/a-guide-to-managing-medicines-supply-and-shortages/>