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Subject: Use, development, and audit of Patient Group Directions (PGDs)

- Q1 General Information:
a. How many active Patient Group Directions (PGDs) does the Trust currently have in place?
b. In which departments or services within the Trust are PGDs most used?
- A1 a. Nine
b. Cardiology and Radiology
- Q2 Usage of PGDs:
a. Over the past 3 years, how many patients have been treated under a PGD in the Trust?
b. How does the Trust ensure that PGDs are only used by those healthcare professionals competent to do so?
- A2 a. 14 patients have been treated with a PGD as an inpatient in the Trust.
b. Training provided to relevant staff. Upon completion of training and sign off, staff receive a PGD login and password for the EPMA system.
- Q3 Types of Medications:
a. Please provide a list of all medications currently administered under a PGD within the Trust.
b. Are there specific medications that the Trust has deemed unsuitable for PGD use? If so, which ones?
- A3 a. Aspirin
Clopidogrel
Ticagrelor
Ibuprofen
Niopam
Lidocaine
Gastromiro
Gadovist
Varenicline
b. Discretionary medications:
Paracetamol
Senna
Strepsils
Chlorphenamine
GTN
NRT
Gaviscon
Simple linctus

- Q4 Audit Policy:
- a. How frequently does the Trust audit the use of PGDs?
 - b. What measures are in place to ensure the safe and appropriate use of PGDs, based on audit findings?
 - c. Have there been any adverse events or incidents in the past 3 years related to the use of PGDs? If so, how many and what were the main issues identified?
- A4 a. Two yearly.
- b. Training, education and password authorisation or removal.
 - c. No adverse incidents in the past three years.
- Q5 Review and Update:
- a. What is the Trust's policy on the regular review and update of PGDs?
 - b. How often are PGDs typically reviewed and updated within the Trust?
 - c. Who is responsible for the creation, review, and update of PGDs within the Trust?
- A5 a. Policy reviewed every two years or before if required.
- b. As per 5a.
 - c. Pharmacy and the relevant clinical lead for each area.
- Q6 Training:
- a. What training does the Trust provide to staff regarding the use of PGDs?
 - b. How frequently is this training provided and updated?
- A6 a. Face to face training with pharmacy lead and e-learning.
- b. As requested by each area using PGD's as new staff are employed. Training is updated every 2 years.