

November 2021



## #MedSafetyWeek

The 1<sup>st</sup> November marked the beginning of #MedSafetyWeek, with a focus on Coronavirus vaccine ADR reporting to improve patient safety. WHO have produced a series of short videos to highlight the importance and reasoning for ADR reporting. Videos can be accessed [here](#).



## Local News

Our **new MSO email address** and mailbox [blmkccg.mso@nhs.net](mailto:blmkccg.mso@nhs.net) is now live to receive national and local information from the MSO networks, serious incidents for CCG MO review and quarterly quality reports from providers – this mailbox is managed by the commissioning team.

There have been a few local and national incidents highlighted by the Fire Service in relation to the use of **emollient creams** within the community setting – domiciliary care and care homes. Initial workshop held with CCG safeguarding, CCG medicines optimisation and the fire service from Bedfordshire and Buckinghamshire. To raise awareness of MHRA resources, fire service to develop a referral pathway and key stakeholders – provider (community and acute) and local authorities to be engaged as workstream progresses. For further information on emollients and fire risk see <https://www.gov.uk/drug-safety-update/emollients-and-risk-of-severe-and-fatal-burns-new-resources-available>



## November MHRA Drug Safety Updates:

**Stamaril** - There is a new pre-vaccination checklist for the Yellow fever vaccine

**Emerade** auto-injectors have been re-released to market following corrective actions – a reminder for prescribers to support safe and effective use

Full information can be found via [this link](#)

## October MHRA Drug Safety Update Summary:

**Chloral hydrate and cloral betaine (Welldorm)** - new restriction - max 2 week prescription duration for paediatric patients.

**Tofacitinib (Xeljanz):** new measures to minimise risk of major adverse cardiovascular events and malignancies.

Full information can be found via [this link](#)

## Safe use of ultrasound gel to reduce infection risk

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Ultrasound gel is available in both sterile and non-sterile preparations. Non-sterile ultrasound gel has been associated with contamination and outbreaks of infection in various settings worldwide.

UKHSA (formerly Public Health England) has identified that a long-standing outbreak of *Burkholderia cepacia* is linked to a non-sterile ultrasound gel product used in hospitals in the UK and Ireland.