



NHS Scotland
Directors of
Pharmacy



Dear Sir/Madam,

e-RECORDING SYSTEMS IN CARE HOMES IN SCOTLAND

It has come to our attention that Care Homes, Community Pharmacies or GP Practices are being approached by a number of providers of e-recording systems for Care Homes. These systems are being marketed to enhance medicines supply, administration and recording in Care Homes.

We recommend that there is a pause in the uptake of these systems to allow a number of issues, for example: patient consent, patient confidentiality, ownership of patient identifiable data, to be explored and clarified. It is proposed that a Short Life Working Group (SLWG) will be established, led by the NHS Scotland Directors of Pharmacy Group, to identify a set of principles covering the issues listed above and others as they are identified. This Group will include a wide range of stakeholders including representation from Care Homes, the Care Inspectorate, providers of e-recording systems and various professional bodies.

The outcome of the SLWG will be shared widely across Scotland when available.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Evelyn McPhail".

Evelyn McPhail
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