

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTHB_254_19

You asked:

We are researchers from Anglia Ruskin University working on the flammability of skin emollient products when soaked into fabric. In light of our work on this matter, we wish to understand how the warnings and advice produced because of our original research are now being implemented across health care services. Therefore, please could we request answers to the following based upon the December 2018 MHRA report on emollient flammability:

1. Has this information provided by the MHRA been implemented across your Health Board to advise healthcare professionals?

Yes. The information was initially sent out to all healthcare professionals following the MHRA alert in 2016 in the form of a Medicines Safety Alert with additional prescribing guidance for primary care. In some areas of the Health Board, an updated memo following the 2018 MHRA alert has also been disseminated to advise healthcare professionals on the additional increased risk with all emollients.

2. How has this been implemented? Please also provide details of any future intentions.

The information was widely cascaded through secondary care, GP practices and community pharmacy via established communication networks. The Medicines Safety Strategy Group will review the updates sent, update a standard Health Board Memo following the 2018 MHRA advice and re-circulate to all health care professionals within Cwm Taf University Health Board.

3. Has this information provided by the MHRA been implemented across your Health Board to advise the public on how to use emollient skin products safely?

Yes

4. How has this been implemented? Please also provide details of any future intentions.

Yes, patient information leaflets have been introduced and are given to patients on patient counselling when obtaining emollients from the pharmacy departments within the secondary care sites.