Morphine Sulphate Prescribing Guide for Home Births

(Temporary information until SOP updated)

Please see example prescriptions below. All women planning for a home birth in NHS Grampian who require Morphine as a pain relief option for their labour should have the following medication prescribed in addition to the standard medication supplied by their community midwifery team.

There are issues with community pharmacies not stocking Morphine sulphate 15mg/ml solution for injection therefore all women regardless of their booking weight will be issued with 2 ampoules of 10mg/ml morphine sulphate. Community midwives will be updated by their team leaders regarding this management.



Please ensure controlled drug requirements are adhered to. Clear instructions and form for medication and quantity to be supplied in WORDS and FIGURES. All prescriptions must be **HANDWRITTEN.**