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***MEDwatch** is the e-bulletin for all NHS Grampian Staff who are involved with patients and medicine management.*

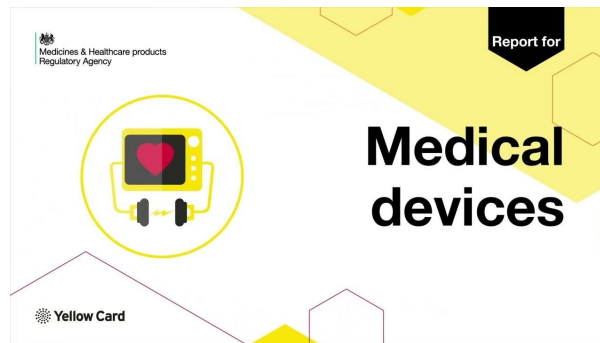
Its aim is to improve the safety of medicines by sharing learning, and encouraging adverse event reporting from all staff groups.



3rd - 9th November sees the annual #MedSafetyWeek campaign, during which the MHRA joins forces with other regulatory bodies around the world to promote reporting adverse drug reactions (ADRs).

This year's theme is ***"we can all help make medicines safer"***.

A side effect is an unexpected effect that happens in addition to the main intended effect of the medicine. An ADR is when the resulting effect causes harm.



Anyone; healthcare professionals, patients, caregivers and the public can report ADRs to the MHRA for any medicine (this includes blood products, vaccines and herbal/homeopathic medicines).

Report electronically using the [Yellow Card Scheme](#) and provide as much information as possible including the following if known:

- medical history
- any concomitant medication
- onset timing
- treatment dates.

If you're unsure whether someone has already submitted a report it's better to report than not, the MHRA are able to identify duplicate reports for the same incident.



Each time a report is submitted we all benefit; medicines become safer for patients to use and more information is available to healthcare professionals. For example:

- warnings may be added to the product information
- advice on how to take the medicine may be changed
- warnings may be given to groups of patients or healthcare professionals.

Turas Modules

Six ADR e-learning modules created by Yellow Card Centre Scotland and NES are available on Turas:

1. Basic principles of ADR
2. Categorisation
3. Drug allergy classification
4. Diagnosis, interpretation and management
5. Avoiding adverse drug reactions
6. Pharmacovigilance

You can find them by searching '*adverse drug reactions*' in Turas.

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