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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.



'Side effects - don't ignore them, report them'

That's the theme of this year's #MedSafetyWeek running from 2nd - 8th November.

Everyone has the power to make medicines and healthcare products safer. You can help patients by reporting Adverse Drug Reactions (ADRs) and issues with healthcare products using the Yellow Card scheme.

Share this newsletter with colleagues to help spread the message.

The poster below was created by our Trainee Pharmacists in the Acute Pharmacy Department and can be downloaded and displayed in your area.





Key Messages

- *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 can report ADRs to the MHRA; healthcare professionals, patients, caregivers and the public.*

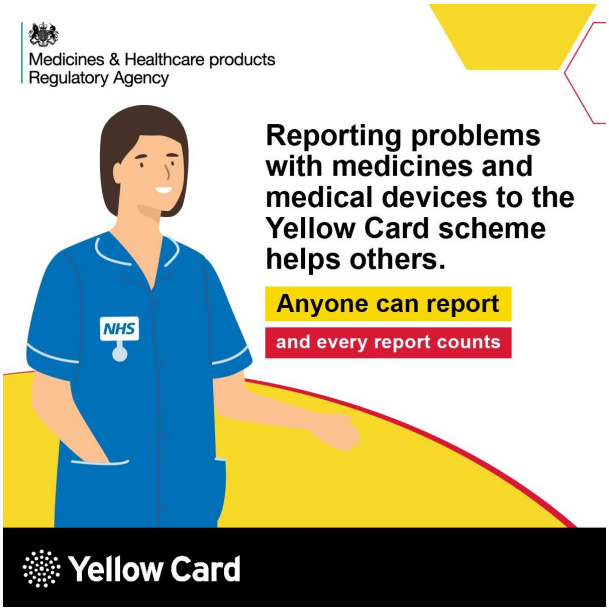
- *As well as medicines you can reports ADRs to blood products, vaccines and herbal/homeopathic medicines.*

- *Each time a report is submitted medicines become safer.*

- *Warning or advice may be added or updated as a result.*

- *If you're unsure, it's better to report.*

- *There are 6 ADR e-learning modules available in Turas, search* 'adverse drug reactions' *to find them.*



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