



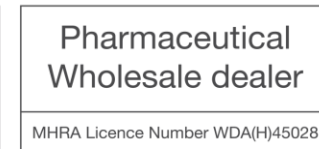
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A Change to needle exchange provision in Torbay – a guide to switch to Single Kits across the Torbay scheme



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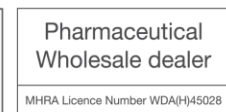
Ongoing engagement by pharmacies in the provision of needle exchange (NSP) services is essential in our approach to supporting those who use illicit substances, often as a result of complex lives, mental health challenges or as a result of repeated or significant traumatic experiences.

This is incredibly valuable and important in the managing of BBVs, reducing stigma, and being compassionate to those who have experienced these significant life events.

Ian Tyson, Torbay Council

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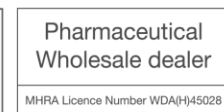
Key changes to Needle Exchange provision in Torbay from February 2024

The background

- Ongoing issues with drug related litter in car parks and public spaces in Torbay.
- Analysis of the litter has identified that most is **unused** and is clearly equipment collected as part of the local Needle Exchange scheme.
- Is visually unappealing and erodes public confidence.
- Creates risk of harm to the public.
- Is an ineffective use of equipment and therefore public money.

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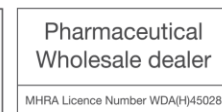
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What is changing?

- Switch from current 1ml & 2ml kits and blue/orange/green needles, to a single use kit model.
- Single kits have all equipment for a single injecting episode contained in a pack.
- Pick 'n' mix provision will not be affected (for those delivering this service).
- Introduction of a kit specifically for Image and Performance Enhancing Drug (IPED) injectors (replacing green needle packs).

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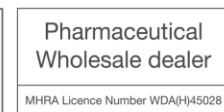
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What is changing pt 2?

- More importantly it has a Single Use Sharps Container that enables safe disposal of the used injecting equipment.
- Pharmacies are requested to encourage and support the improvement in the return of used equipment to pharmacies for safe disposal.
- **We will be introducing the mandatory completion of the volume of needles returned on PharmOutcomes.**

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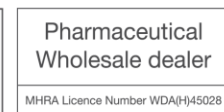
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Why change?

- Encourages safer injecting practice & non-sharing through single use items.
- Reduces the spread of BBVs and use of sharps containers.
- Provides Individually Wrapped Clean Sterile Equipment.
- Delivers Value for money through reduced waste of used and unused equipment.
- Complies with best practice & NICE PH52 recommendations.
- Increases the return of equipment to pharmacies and the improved surveillance and understand of volumes of returned equipment.

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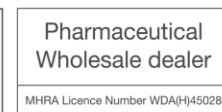
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When?

- The plan will be to phase in the single kit model, across Torbay from February 2024.
- Pharmacies will be expected to 'run down' existing stock and replace it with the single kits as new stock is ordered.
- Expected to phase in over a 2-3 month period.
- The mandate to complete the needle return information on PharmOutcomes will commence from February 2024.

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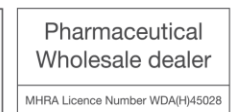
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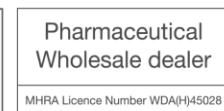
- 1 x Safeloc One, Black Single Needle NX Container
- 1 x Acufine 1ml 29g Insulin Complete
- 1 x Sterile Spoon
- 1 x Citric Sachet
- 1 x Alcohol Swab

Clients

- Opiate Clients – Heroin, Methadone, Morphine, Fentanyl, Tramadol
- Injection Sites to Include:- Hands, Arms, Legs, and Feet

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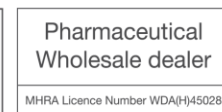
- 1 x Safeloc Two, Black Single Needle NX Container
- 1 x Acuject LDS 2ml Syringe
- 1 x Orange 5/8" 25g Acucan Needle
- 1 x Alcohol Swab
- 1 x Citric Acid Sachet
- 1 x Sterile Spoon

Clients

- Opiate Clients – Heroin etc
- Groin Injectors

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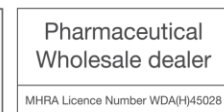
- 1 x Safeloc Two, Black Single Needle NX Container
- 1 x Acuject LDS 2ml Syringe
- 1 x Blue 1 ¼” 23g Acucan Needle
- 1 x Alcohol Swab
- 1 x Citric Acid Sachet
- 1 x Spoon

Clients

- Opiate Clients – Heroin etc
- Groin Injectors – Longer, thicker needle enabling penetration through scar tissue

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Contents

- 1 x 0.35L Pocket Needle Bin
- 10 x Acuject 2ml LDS Syringe
- 10 x 23g 1 ¼" Blue Needle
- 10 x 21g 1 ½" Green Needle
- 10 x Alcohol Swab

Clients

Steroid users – Gym goers – intramuscular Injectors

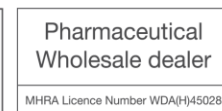
IMPORTANT

if heroin injectors are asking for green needle packs, this could be an indication of very risky injecting behaviour – refer them to the drug service if possible.



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Further advice

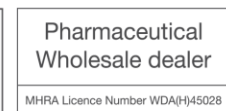
If a groin injecting client is already using a green needle to inject, they may also ask for an IPED kit in addition to the 2ml single kits.

They do this to gain access to green needles.

The advice is **not** to provide IPED kits to anyone who is already taking a 2ml single Kit – it should be one or the other.

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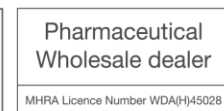


Peer Distribution

- Continue to support peer distribution of clean injecting equipment.
- You should not limit the number of Single Kits a client receives
- The Single Kit model allows clients to take exactly what they require.
- This will automatically decrease the amount of drug litter being reported in the local area.
- As each Single Kit contains an individual single use sharps bin, it promotes point of use disposal of used equipment, reducing the spread of BBV's such as Hep B, Hep C, and HIV

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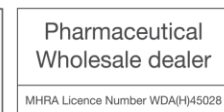


Increased returns rates

- Encourage your clients to return their individual sharps bins.
- Encourage them to do this more frequently.
- Helps you to develop a better relationship with your clients.
- This relationship can lead to further healthcare interventions, and a greater respect and understanding of their situation.
- Record this every time on PharmOutcomes (a best guess of volume is better than none).
- Creates a greater understanding of the variability in return rates of used equipment.

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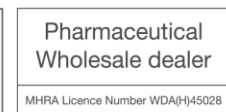
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- The types of kits will be changing from February 2024 to roll out a single kit model.
- The current packs of 10/15 will be removed and replaced with packs that contain all the equipment for a single injecting episode in each pack.
- Green needle packs will be replaced with IPED specific packs.
- Aim is to reduce injecting related litter in public and be more cost effective in the process.
- Needle return data will be a requirement of data input into PharmOutcomes from Feb 24.

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Thank you for taking the time to read through this presentation on how the provision of Needle exchange is changing across Torbay as a direct result of the increased levels of drug litter being found locally.

Now is the time for you to ask any questions or raise any queries on this change.

Please email any questions to gareth@orionmedical.co.uk who will process these and reply to you directly with an answer or resolution to your issue.

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