

Time critical medications campaign update

As a nurse who works directly with people with Parkinson's, you are at the forefront of delivering outstanding health care for people with Parkinson's. Please read on to discover the latest developments from the campaign to ensure that people with Parkinson's get their medications on time, every time in hospital.

100 Pledges

Since **World Parkinson's Day 2022**, over 100 Chief Executives of NHS organisations and regional ambulance services across all four nations have pledged their support for the campaign. Our work has also been endorsed by the Chief Nursing Officers (CNOs) in all four UK governments.

Ten recommendations

This year, on **World Parkinson's Day**, CNOs in England, Scotland and Wales cascaded a document which sets out ten recommendations for improving medicines management for people with Parkinson's. The document also includes a video aimed primarily at senior nurses in hospitals which emphasises the importance of time critical medication for people with Parkinson's. When implemented, these ten recommendations will lead to real change in this important quality improvement work.

We wanted to share the ten recommendations with you so that you are aware of them and are able to support your colleagues in delivering this change:

- [Read the recommendations.](#)
- [Watch the video.](#)

These recommendations have been developed by the healthcare professionals with



Parkinson's group in collaboration with the Parkinson's Excellence Network. Together, we want to increase understanding among NHS colleagues around the importance of time critical medication for people with Parkinson's, but also give them the tools they need to make improvement happen.

What is next?

Over the coming weeks, we will be contacting all hospital chief executives in England to ask them to benchmark where their organisation is against these 10 recommendations and provide feedback to us so we can identify opportunities to help.

In Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, our country teams will be following up the ten recommendations in the way that best suits each organisation based on their local knowledge and contacts.

Please do feel free to share the ten recommendations document in your organisation and feedback to us.

Further information

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