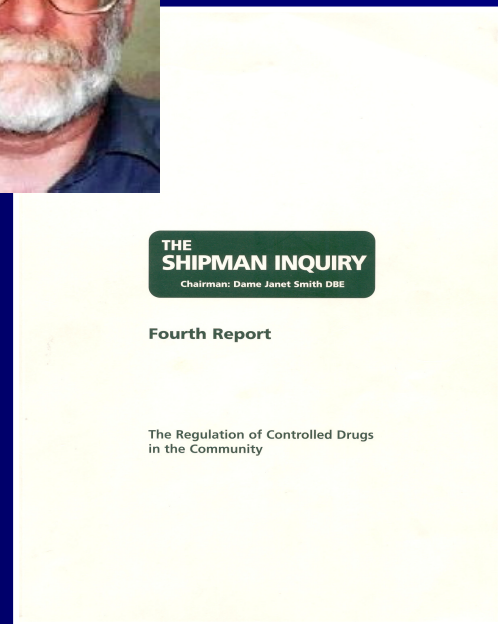
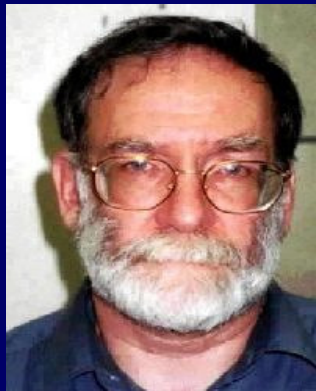


The Controlled Drugs
(Supervision of Management
and Use) Regulations
(Northern Ireland) 2009

Aims for to-day

- To explain The Controlled Drugs (Supervision of Management and Use) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009
- To respond to queries raised about the implications for staff within this organisation

Background



- On 31 January 2000, Harold Shipman was convicted of murder of 15 patients. However actual death toll around 200.
- Inquiry chaired by Dame Janet Smith
- 6 reports including recommendations

Shipman Inquiry

- Fourth Report – Regulation of Controlled Drugs in the Community
- Fifth Report – Safeguarding patients: Lessons from the Past – Proposals for the Future
- Dame Janet Smith praised the centralised nature of the inspection arrangements for controlled drugs in NI
- Recommendations from 4th and 5th reports can be seen in Health Act 2006 and The Controlled Drugs (Supervision of Management and Use) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009

The Controlled Drugs (Supervision of Management and Use) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009

- Made 5 June 2009 under Health Act 2006
- Similar to England/Scotland/Wales Regulations
- Into operation 1 October 2009
- Maximise structures and processes already in place and use these to develop systems that will ensure the safe management and use of controlled drugs
- Formalises existing arrangements
- Legislation relates to all CDs (Sch 1 to Sch 5)

Main areas that legislation covers

- Identifies Designated Bodies
- Appointment of an Accountable Officer
- Routine Monitoring
- Investigating concerns
- Duty of collaboration

Designated Bodies

- Each Designated Body is required to appoint an Accountable Officer
- 17 in total
 - Board
 - 5 Trusts
 - Northern Ireland Ambulance Service
 - Independent Hospitals (includes Hospices)

Accountable Officers (AOs)

- 16 in total (two hospices share an AO)
- “fit, proper and suitably experienced person”
- “the person does not routinely supply, administer or dispose of controlled drugs as part of his duties”
- In specified circumstances may be shared by two or more Designated Bodies
- Register of AOs held by DHSSPSNI

Accountable Officers and Designated Officers

- Duties of AOs include, but are not limited to:
 - Ensuring safe management of CDs
 - Ensure SOPs in place
 - Ensure safe destruction/disposal arrangements
- May appoint a Designated Officer to assist with any of their responsibilities

Routine Monitoring

- AO has responsibility for routine monitoring of controlled drugs within their Designated Body and shall ensure that any person acting on behalf of or providing services under arrangements made with his Designated Body also has systems in place
- Can include:
 - Analysing prescribing data
 - Self-assessments/declarations/inspections
 - Incident reporting/complaint handling

Self-assessment and Declaration

- Regulation 12
- Board
- RQIA
- Department
 - Registered pharmacies
 - Annually
 - Retain in CD register

Investigating concerns

- AO has responsibility to:
 - Assess concerns
 - Investigate where appropriate
 - Can request assistance from other Designated Bodies
 - Take action where appropriate
 - Report to Local Intelligence Network (LIN)

Responsible Bodies

- Includes all Designated Bodies and also the Department, RQIA, CFU, Regulatory Bodies and Police
- Ensures effective inspection, investigation and collaboration of controlled drug matters

Duty of Collaboration

- Local Intelligence Network
- Develop communication between Responsible Bodies
- Held quarterly
- Share concerns within set guidelines (Occurrence Reports)
- Collate and disseminate learning points from concerns/incidents

What is happening?

- Legislation comes into operation
 - 1 October 2009
- Date of first LIN
 - 1 December 2009
- Other forums for sharing information
 - Cross Border Intelligence Group
 - National Controlled Drugs Group
- Self-assessments/declarations
- Periodic and routine inspections

Sources of Information

- DHSSPS web-site
www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/index/pas
 - Contact details of Accountable Officers
 - Contact details of Responsible Bodies
 - Occurrence Report template
 - FAQs on web
 - Guidance documents
 - Legislation

In summary

- Identifies Designated Bodies
- Appointment of an Accountable Officer
- Routine Monitoring
- Investigating concerns
- Duty of collaboration