



Medication Safety Series: MSS 15

How to report an Adverse Drug Reaction (ADR)

*“an **unwanted or harmful** reaction experienced following the administration of a drug or combination of drugs under normal conditions of use and suspected to be related to the drug”*



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For established medicines and vaccines you should **report all serious suspected ADRs**, even if the effect is well recognised and any ADR with a black triangle ▼ drug. eLearning is available here [MHRA WP4 - adverse drug reaction](#)

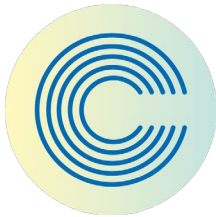


The MHRA are particularly interested in receiving Yellow Card reports of suspected ADRs:

- in children
- in patients that are over 65
- to biological medicines and vaccines
- associated with delayed drug effects and interactions
- to complementary remedies such as homeopathic and herbal products



Apps: [Apple](#) [Google](#)



An entry in the electronic patient record should be made of all ADRs. See [how to record allergies and ADRs](#).



Reports on InPhase are not necessary for ADRs that are well recognised unless urgent treatment was required.



Also report via yellow card if issues with the following:

- Medical devices
- Defective medicines
- Fake or counterfeit medicines
- eCigarettes



[Download and submit on paper \(or from back of BNF\)](#)



Who can report:

- Any healthcare professional – if multiple team members are aware of the ADR then ensure you agree who will report
- Any member of the public



When submitting a yellow card use the trust HQ as the reporter and clinician address to ensure reports are attributed to TEWV.

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