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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Scan or click for Yellow Card Scheme

Yellow Card

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

Apps:
Apple
Google

An entry in the electronic patient record should be made of all ADRs. See how to record allergies and ADRs.

InPhase.

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

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

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

Also report via yellow card if issues with the following:

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

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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