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Reporting of Medical Device and Estates Adverse Incidents and disseminating Alerts

Information

You are reminded that:-

- In the interests of patients, staff and visitor safety **all** regulated healthcare providers, including Ophthalmic, Pharmaceutical & Dental practices and GP surgeries should report Adverse Incidents (AIs); involving medical devices and estates defect and failures directly to the Northern Ireland Adverse Incident Centre (NIAIC). The aim of reporting and any subsequent investigation is to identify learning that can be shared across other healthcare service providers and work towards reducing the risk of similar incidents reoccurring, thereby improving safety for all.

- Details on reporting adverse incidents can be found in document "Reporting Medical Device and Estates Adverse Incidents" issued 17/10/2018. An electronic copy and the Adverse Incident Form can be downloaded at the following address:-
https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/publications/niaic-adverse-incident-reporting-guidance-and-forms

- All organisations should have procedures in place to:
    a) access Alerts issued via the Northern Ireland Central Alert System (NICAS)
    b) assess the relevance of the Alert to the organisation
    c) disseminate relevant information to the appropriate staff for necessary action.

Distribution

- All staff

Enquiries

- Enquiries should be directed to NIAIC quoting the alert reference number NIA-2019-001.

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