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Dear Colleague

DIAMORPHINE 5MG INJECTION SUPPLY ISSUE

HSCB has been informed that Accord and Wockhardt that they are experiencing issues with the manufacture and availability of diamorphine 5mg injection. Based on current forecasted demand across primary and secondary care in the UK, we are likely to go out of stock of diamorphine 5mg injection by 27 May 2019 with a resupply date of w/c 5 August 2019. All other strengths of diamorphine injection are not affected by this issue.

We have been working closely with both suppliers of diamorphine and there are sufficient supplies of diamorphine 10mg injection to support forecasted use of diamorphine 5mg injection for primary care including hospices. Diamorphine 10mg injection will be available to order from usual wholesalers.

If you have any queries about the supply of diamorphine 5mg injections please contact your local HSCB Pharmacy Adviser.

Yours sincerely,



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