

PRINCIPLES OF SAFE AND APPROPRIATE HANDLING OF MEDICINES

Your role is important in enabling people to get the maximum benefit from their medication and ensuring their safety

UNDERTAKE TRAINING TO OBTAIN THE NECESSARY KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS.

FOLLOW PROCEDURES:

- **ENSURE NECESSARY MEDICINES ARE AVAILABLE.**
- **STORE MEDICINES SAFELY – Do not leave cupboards / trolleys unlocked or unattended.**
- **GIVE MEDICINES CORRECTLY (6 R'S).**
- **KEEP APPROPRIATE RECORDS.**
- **DISPOSE OF UNWANTED MEDICINES SAFELY.**

ENSURE ACCESS TO A PHARMACIST'S ADVICE.

NEVER USE MEDICINES TO CONTROL BEHAVIOUR.

CONSIDER PEOPLE'S CHOICE, DIGNITY AND PRIVACY.

REMEMBER THE 6 R'S OF ADMINISTRATION

THE HANDLING OF MEDICINES IN SOCIAL CARE

- ✓ **RIGHT PERSON**
- ✓ **RIGHT MEDICINE**
- ✓ **RIGHT ROUTE**
- ✓ **RIGHT DOSE**
- ✓ **RIGHT TIME**
- ✓ **PERSON'S RIGHT TO REFUSE**

Managing Medicines in Care Homes Guideline

www.nice.org.uk/guidance/sc/sc1/

NICE National Institute for Health and Care Excellence

The Handling of Medicines in Social Care

www.rpharms.com/social-care-settings-pdfs/the-handling-of-medicines-in-social-care.pdf



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