

As one of the providers of end of life care in Kent and Medway we are contacting you to advise you of the 23 Community Pharmacies across Kent and Medway who have been commissioned to hold stocks of a designated list of end of life drugs (see attached). The normal opening times of all pharmacies is provided and also over the Easter weekend.

This list is correct as of 5pm on Thursday 9th April. It is anticipated that we will have more pharmacies offering this service from next week and we will keep you updated.

As you will be aware we are anticipating that there may be supply issues with these drugs over the next few weeks so we will be providing a daily update on any supply problems that Community Pharmacies are experiencing so that you can advise your prescribers accordingly. The clinical guidelines attached offer alternatives if 1st line drugs are unavailable.

We have received information from some pharmacies that they are currently experiencing difficulties in obtaining morphine injection and midazolam. We are seeking more information regarding this stock issue from our regional procurement team and will update as soon as we receive more information.

If you do not wish to receive this update in the future or would prefer that it is sent to an alternative contact in your organisation please contact accg.eastkentprescribing@nhs.net