Product Shortage - March 2020
Diamorphine 5mg and 10mg Injection

Product: Diamorphine 5mg and 10mg injection
Manufacturer: All
Expected duration: Ongoing

There is an ongoing stock shortage of diamorphine 5mg and 10mg injection. This is used in theatres and obstetrics. Supplies are likely to be extremely limited and cannot be guaranteed until summer 2020.

Higher strength products used in palliative care and other settings are unaffected.

- There is a shortage of diamorphine 5mg and 10mg injections
- Other strengths are unaffected. However users of the 5mg and 10mg injections cannot move to using higher strength diamorphine products
- Delivery Suite Theatres are the only areas which can continue to use diamorphine 5mg and 10mg injections
- All other users will need to consider alternative products. The suggested first line alternative is morphine 10mg injection
- If an alternative product other than morphine 10mg injection is to be used, please discuss with pharmacy first as large scale switching may cause further supply disruptions

If you have any questions, please contact your pharmacy team, or the Medicines Advisory Service on ext. 65377.