

# Pharmaceutical services to care homes

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CPLD reviews its distance learning programmes every twelve months to ensure currency. This update has been produced by an expert and should be read in conjunction with the Pharmaceutical services to care homes distance learning course. Where updated information has been provided, we have indicated the relevant section and page number in Pharmaceutical services to care homes for your reference. All updated information is available to download from the CPLD website [www.nicpld.org](http://www.nicpld.org)

**Pharmacists are reminded that information contained in this addendum is correct at the time of publication (October 2008) but it is their responsibility to keep up-to-date with any changes in practice.**

## Section 1: Principles of care

Since the Review of Public Administration (RPA), Health and Services Trusts in Northern Ireland are called Health and Social Care Trusts

Minimum standards for both Nursing and Residential Care Homes were published by the department in Feb 2008 and can be downloaded from [www.dhsspsni.gov.uk](http://www.dhsspsni.gov.uk)

Residential Homes are now referred to in legislation/standards as Residential Care Homes.

The regulations now use the following terms:

- residents for residential care homes
- patients for nursing homes, hospitals and hospices
- service users for day centres/domiciliary agencies

It is hoped that standards for other facilities including children's homes, day care facilities and domiciliary care agencies will be published later in 2008 and these will be available from [www.dhsspsni.gov.uk](http://www.dhsspsni.gov.uk).

**P13** - day centres are in the process of registering with RQIA and are now subject to regulation and inspection under the day care setting regulations (NI) 2007.

Hostels and other facilities providing supported living services are currently being registered under Domiciliary Care Agencies Regulations (NI) 2005.

## Section 2: Residents and their setting

**P48** Rectal diazepam - would now also include the use of buccal midazolam. The same guidelines apply.

## Section 3: Practical steps to providing services to homes

**P68** - Minimum standards for both Nursing and Residential Care Homes were published by the DHSSPS in February 2008 and can be downloaded from [www.dhsspsni.gov.uk](http://www.dhsspsni.gov.uk)

## Further reading

Evidence based wound management - republished 2007 NICPDL

Guidelines for the Administration of medicines NMC April 2002 republished in February 2008 as Standards for medicines management.

Managing medicines in Elderly Patients - republished as Managing medicines in older people, NICPLD 2008.

Record keeping NMC April 2002 - currently under review.

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## Further reading (Continued)

The administration & control of medicines in care Homes and children's services RPSGB 2003 has been replaced by Handling of Medicines in Social Care.

Minimum care standards for Nursing Homes and Residential Care Homes DHSSPS 2008.  
[www.dhsspsni.gov.uk](http://www.dhsspsni.gov.uk)

## Exercise and case study reviews

**Exercise 10** - all information would now apply to the use of buccal midazolam in an emergency as well. This is currently favoured in many facilities over rectal diazepam.

**Exercise 19** - answer booklet should read refer to Table 8.