

To all practices Surrey and Sussex LMCs

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Dear Colleagues

Falsified Medicines Directive [FMD]: Update

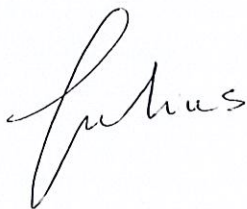
Many colleagues will recall the discussions related to the Falsified Medicines Directive over the past two years, and the LMC has had multiple queries regarding this.

Following the UK's departure from the EU on 31st December 2020, the EU Falsified Medicines Directive ceases to have effect. End users should be automatically disconnected from the UK National Medicines Verification System [UKMVS] run by SecurMed, and therefore verification and authentication will no longer be possible. End users should also turn off or disconnect any stand-alone FMD systems from 31st December 2020.

Pharmacy systems can continue to dispense barcoded medicines packs whilst these remain in date, but the serial numbers no longer have any function.

Under existing legislation, the Government could make regulations aimed at preventing falsified medicines from entering the medicines supply chain; however, it would have to consult before doing so and has indicated it has no current plans to do so.

With best wishes



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