

The Destruction of Controlled Drugs is Changing

Why?

A new system of appointing authorised witnesses for the destruction of controlled drugs is being implemented within Lancashire & South Cumbria. Organisations can now apply for their own professionals to be authorised as a witness. This will be for a defined period of time and limited to the premises for which the application relates.

This process is used by the majority of NHS England offices and has created a sustainable and timely system for everyone's mutual benefit.

What we do

- Send you an application form.
- In many cases, authorise a named person to witness the CD destruction in the specified premises.
- Revoke that authorisation after 28 days.
- Monitor requests for CD destruction and drugs destroyed.
- Undertake spot checks.

What you must do

- Request CD destruction on CD tool as usual cdreporting.co.uk.
- Complete short application form.
- Destroy CDs within 28 days.
- Confirm destruction by email.

Get in touch

- If you need help or advice on anything relating to the supply, administration or disposal of controlled drugs get in touch with us at england.lancscontrolleddrugs@nhs.net

References

- Misuse of Drugs Regulations 2001. As amended. Regulations 27(1)
- Misuse of Drugs (safe Custody) Amendment) Regulation 2007, Regulation 4(12)
- Department of Health, Guidance on destruction of controlled drugs – new role for Accountable Officers (December 2007).

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