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Dear colleague,

Falsified Medicines Directive: Register now – don't put it off!

The Falsified Medicines Directive (FMD) aims to prevent the entry of counterfeit medicines into the legal supply chain.

From **9th February 2019**, market authorisation holders must place two safety features on all prescription medicines distributed in Europe:

- (1) a unique identifier (UI) in the form of a 2D data matrix (barcode) which contains the batch number, expiry date, product identifier and a unique serial number for the pack; and
- (2) an anti-tampering device (ATD).

From **9th February 2019**, community pharmacy teams will be required as part of the dispensing process to:

- (1) check the anti-tampering device to ensure it is intact prior to dispensing;
- and
- (2) check the status of the pack ('verification') in the UK's National Medicines Verification System (the UK hub) and change it from "active" to "inactive—supplied" ('decommissioning'). This involves scanning the 2D barcode on each pack.

Registration

The UK's National Medicines Verification Organisation (NMVO) is **SecurMed UK**. As a first step in getting ready for the implementation of FMD, community pharmacies are required to register with SecurMed.

[If you have not done this, please follow this link](https://www.securmed.org.uk/register/end-user-registration/) -
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Once the request is verified, access credentials will be sent back via both email and postal mail in 10 to 15 days. The content of **both** will need to be used in conjunction to validate connection. There is no fee associated with the registration process.

The above link also contains some further useful information including **FAQs** - <https://www.securmed.org.uk/faq-dev/> and a user registration workshop **webinar** - <https://www.securmed.org.uk/2018/11/20/user-registration-workshop-webinar/>

Other sources of information are available within the members section of CPNI's website: <https://www.communitypharmacyni.co.uk/falsified-medicines-directive/>

FMD will also be discussed at **tomorrow evening's Contractor Meeting (7th February, in Crowne Plaza Hotel, Belfast)**; should you require any additional information in the meantime please do not hesitate to get in touch with CPNI offices.

Kind Regards,

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