

Health and Medication Policy



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1. Introduction:

Lilac Alliance, Inc. recognizes the critical importance of health and medication management in providing safe and high-quality care to our service users. This Health and Medication Policy is designed to ensure compliance with relevant legislation and guidance, including but not limited to:

- Regulation 10: The health and well-being standard.
- Guide to the health and well-being standard.
- Regulation 23: Medicines.
- The Handling of Medications in Social Care – Royal Pharmaceutical Guidelines.
- Promoting the health and well-being of looked-after children: Statutory guidance for local authorities, clinical commissioning groups, and NHS England 2015.
- Who Pays? Determining responsibility for payments to providers 2013.
- Managing Medicines in care homes 2014.

2. Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to establish procedures for the safe handling, administration, and management of medications within Lilac Alliance. It is crucial for ensuring the well-being and safety of our service users.

3. Scope:

This policy applies to all staff, including healthcare professionals, care assistants, and any other personnel involved in the handling, administration, and management of medications within Lilac Alliance.

4. Legislative Framework and Guidelines:

This policy complies with the legislative framework and guidance mentioned in the introduction and any other relevant legislation related to health and medication management.

5. Medication Management Principles:

- All medications used within Lilac Alliance will be prescribed, administered, and managed according to the legal framework and best practice guidelines.
- Medication management will be carried out by qualified and trained staff.
- Medications will only be administered to service users with a valid prescription from a registered healthcare professional.
- Medication records will be maintained, including information on dosage, administration times, and any adverse effects.
- Service users will be informed about their medications, potential side effects, and the importance of adhering to prescribed treatment.
- The confidentiality of service users' medication records will be maintained.

6. Medication Administration:

- Medications will be administered as prescribed and according to the service user's care plan.
- Medications will be administered by qualified staff members with the appropriate training.
- Staff members will follow safe practices when administering medications, ensuring that the "five rights" are upheld: right patient, right medication, right dose, right route, and right time.

- Any deviations from the prescribed medication regimen will be recorded, investigated, and reported.

7. Medication Storage:

- Medications will be stored in a secure, clean, and organized environment, in accordance with the guidelines provided by the Royal Pharmaceutical Society.
- Medications will be stored at the appropriate temperature and humidity levels, with specific storage requirements observed for individual medications.

8. Medication Ordering and Reconciliation:

- A system for ordering and reconciling medications will be in place to ensure a consistent supply of prescribed medications.
- Regular audits will be conducted to verify medication stocks and to prevent shortages or overstocking.

9. Handling of Controlled Drugs:

- Controlled drugs will be stored and handled in accordance with the regulations governing their use.
- Accurate records of controlled drug administration and disposal will be maintained.

10. Training and Competency:

- Staff members responsible for medication management will receive appropriate training, including updates as required.
- Competency assessments will be conducted to ensure staff members are capable of safely handling and administering medications.

11. Documentation and Reporting:

- Comprehensive records will be maintained for all medication-related activities, including administration, deviations, and incident reporting.
- Any adverse reactions or medication errors will be reported, investigated, and documented in accordance with established procedures.

12. Implementation and Review:

This policy will be communicated to all relevant staff members, and compliance will be monitored. Regular reviews and audits will be conducted to assess the effectiveness of this policy and to identify areas for improvement.

13. Revision and Audit:

This policy will be reviewed regularly to ensure its compliance with legislative changes and best practices. Audits will be conducted to assess the effectiveness of this policy and to identify areas for improvement.

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