

# Public Health Link

From the Chief Medical Officer for Wales

<b>Distribution:</b>	As Appendix 1
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<b>Reference:</b>	CEM/CPhA/2018/8
<b>Category:</b>	Class 3: Action with 5 days)
<b>Title:</b>	Drug Alert Class 3 (Action Within 5 Days): Fdc Pharma, Latanoprost / Timolol 50 Micrograms/MI + 5mg/MI Eye Drops, Solution, PI 35638/0004
<b>What is this about:</b>	 Full details are set out below.
<b>Why has it been sent:</b>	For your information and to pass on to Colleagues

**Issue:**

Full details of the drug alert are included in the attached PDF file. Please forward to listed recipients. This information is also published on the MHRA website <https://www.gov.uk/drug-device-alerts>

To: NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership to forward to:

All General practitioners - please ensure this message is seen by all practice nurses and non-principals working in your practice and retain a copy in your 'locum information pack'.

All Community Pharmacists

Deputising services

HB Chief Pharmacists

HB Prescribing Advisers

Independent/Private clinics and Hospitals and Hospices throughout Wales

Community Optometrists

To: Chief Executives of Health Boards

To: Medical Directors of Health Boards

To: Nurse Directors Health Boards

To: Directors of Public Health

To: Hospital Principals and Chief Pharmacists to action as per alert

cc: Public Health Wales

Consultants in Pharmaceutical Public Health

Chief Executives, NHS Trusts

Principal Pharmacist Welsh Quality Control

Principal Pharmacist Continuing Care Services

Principal Pharmacist Welsh Medicines Information Centre

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## **DRUG ALERT**

### **CLASS 3 MEDICINES RECALL**

**Action Within 5 Days  
Pharmacy Level Recall**

Date: 2 May 2018

EL (18)A/08

Our Ref: MDR 076-04/18

Dear Healthcare Professional,

### **FDC Pharma**

**Latanoprost / Timolol 50 micrograms/mL + 5mg/mL  
Eye Drops, Solution**

**PL 35638/0004**

<b>Batch Number</b>	<b>Expiry Date</b>	<b>Pack Size</b>	<b>First Distributed</b>
087B087	01/2019	1 x 2.5 mL	15/06/2017

#### **Brief description of the problem**

FDC Pharma are recalling the above batch due to an out of specification result for an unknown impurity during stability testing.

#### **Advice for healthcare professionals**

Stop dispensing the batch listed above. Quarantine and return all remaining stock of this batch to your supplier using the supplier's approved process.

#### **Advice for wholesalers and distributors**

Refer to the instructions provided by FDC Pharma. Stop distributing the batch listed above. Quarantine and return all remaining stock of this batch to your supplier using the supplier's approved process.

#### **Medical Information and stock enquiries**

Mr Santosh Amoncar on (0)1489 565 222; 07903203039 and [fdcil@btconnect.com](mailto:fdcil@btconnect.com)

Recipients of this Drug Alert should bring it to the attention of relevant contacts by copy of this letter. NHS Regional Teams are asked to forward this to community pharmacists, hospital pharmacists and dispensing general practitioners. It is not necessary to forward this to non-dispensing GPs.

Yours faithfully



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