

# Public Health Link

from the Chief Medical Officer for Wales

<b>Distribution:</b>	As Appendix 2
<b>From:</b>	Chief Pharmaceutical Officer, Andrew Evans
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<b>Reference:</b>	CEM/CPhA/2019/9
<b>Category:</b>	Class 4 - For Information
<b>Title:</b>	DRUG ALERT CLASS 4, FOR INFORMATION, MARTINDALE PHARMACEUTICALS LIMITED - CHLORAMPHENICOL 0.5% W/V ANTIBIOTIC EYE DROPS
<b>For Action by:</b>	<p>Dispensing Doctor General Practitioners only – Ensure all dispensary staff see this alert and ensure a copy is placed in the locum file</p> <p>Community Pharmacists</p>
<b>For Information:</b>	See Annex 2 – Distribution List
<b>What is this about:</b>	Full details are set out below.
<b>Why has it been sent:</b>	For your information, action and to pass on to relevant colleagues.

## Issue:

There are two issues with all unexpired batches of Martindale Pharmaceuticals Ltd - Chloramphenicol 0.5% W/V Antibiotic Eye Drops, PL 00156/0109, legal status 'P':

- The Braille is missing from the carton
- Packs contain the Patient Information Leaflet for the product with legal status 'POM'

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>

**Please do not cascade this alert to GPs other than dispensing GPs**

## **Appendix 1**

- To: Chief Executives of Health Boards and NHS Trusts
- 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

To: **NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership to forward to:**

Dispensing Doctor General Practitioners only – Ensure all dispensary staff see and ensure a copy is placed in locum file

Community Pharmacists

HB Prescribing Advisers

Independent/Private clinics and Hospitals and Hospices throughout Wales



## DRUG ALERT

### CLASS 4 MEDICINES DEFECT INFORMATION

Caution in Use  
Distribute to Pharmacy Level

Date: 09 April 2019

EL (19)A/09

Our Ref: MDR 105-03/19

Dear Healthcare Professional,

#### **Martindale Pharmaceuticals Limited**

#### **Chloramphenicol 0.5% W/V Antibiotic Eye Drops**

**PL 00156/0109**

Martindale Pharmaceuticals has informed us of two issues with all unexpired batches of the above product, PL 00156/0109, legal status 'P'. The batch numbers are tabulated below:

<a href="#">1810248</a>	<a href="#">1901208</a>
<a href="#">1811060</a>	<a href="#">1901756</a>
<a href="#">1811129</a>	<a href="#">1901757</a>
<a href="#">1811249</a>	<a href="#">1901759</a>
<a href="#">1812309</a>	<a href="#">1901854</a>
<a href="#">1812310</a>	<a href="#">1902375</a>
<a href="#">1812583</a>	<a href="#">1902389</a>
<a href="#">1901163</a>	<a href="#">1902418</a>
<a href="#">1901164</a>	<a href="#">1902601</a>

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

- The Braille is missing from the carton
- Packs contain the Patient Information Leaflet (PIL) for the product with legal status 'POM'.

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

In order to maintain supply, the affected batches are not being recalled.

The content of the PIL for the 'P' version is similar to that for the 'POM' version but there are some differences in the way the information is expressed. The correct PIL for the 'P' product can be downloaded via the following link:

<https://www.medicines.org.uk/emc/product/9662/pil>



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#### **Further Information**

For any enquiries please contact Martindale / Ethypharm Customer Services, email  
[Licensed@ethypharm.com](mailto:Licensed@ethypharm.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 relevant clinics, community pharmacists and dispensing General Practitioners for information.

Yours faithfully

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