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Question/s to be answered

1. All recorded instances of the wrong drugs administered to inpatients on all NHS Shetland adult and acute mental health wards during years 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022

CALENDAR YEAR	Hospital
2019	5
2020	5
2021	4
2022	3

2. Each instance should be broken down by date and hospital/mental health ward, with details of what drug each patient should have been given, along with details of the drug/dosage they were wrongly administered

Year	Area	Prescribed Med	Correct Med	Administration Avoided (Near Miss?)
2022	Hospital	Monofer 1500mg	Monofer 1000mg	
2022	Hospital	Metronidazole 500mg once a day	Metronidazole 500mg three times a day	
2022	Hospital	Angiotensin Receptor Blocker and ACE Inhibitors	Angiotensin receptor blocker alone	
2021	Hospital	Oxycodone 15mg	Oxycodone 40mg	
2021	Hospital	Fentanyl subcutaneous	Fentanyl sublingual	Yes

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2021	Hospital	Metformin	Metformin and Insulin	
2021	Hospital	Edoxaban and LMWH	Edoxaban alone	
2020	Hospital	Madopar 62.5mg - two tablets twice a day	Madopar 62.5mg – two tablets three times a day	
2020	Hospital	Tramadol continued	Tramadol stop	Yes
2020	Hospital	Methotrexate 20mg a day	Methotrexate 20mg per week	Yes
2020	Hospital	Entacapone 400mg four times a day	Entacapone 200mg four times a day	
2020	Hospital	Lower LMWH dose	Increased LMHW dose	
2019	Hospital	Pregabalin 200mg three times a day	Pregabalin 100mg three times a day	
2019	Hospital	Penicillin derivative	Non-penicillin antimicrobials	Yes
2019	Hospital	Restarted antihypertensives	Withhold antihypertensives	
2019	Hospital	Pramiexole milligrams vs micrograms	Lower microgram dose	
2019	Hospital	Ibuprofen continued	Ibuprofen discontinue	

Table 1

3. The outcome of each instance (i.e. official complaint, apology, compensation etc.), and the amount of compensation paid out in such cases should also be included, along with any side effects caused by the wrongly administered drugs.

Year	Area	Prescribed Med	Correct Med	Outcome	Side effects
2022	Hospital	Monofer 1500mg	Monofer 1000mg	Learning review with staff. Informed patient.	Nil
2022	Hospital	Metronidazole 500mg once a day	Metronidazole 500mg three times a day	Learning review with staff.	Nil

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2022	Hospital	Angiotensin Receptor Blocker and ACE Inhibitors	Angiotensin receptor blocker alone	Learning review with staff. Informed patient.	Nil
2021	Hospital	Oxycodone 15mg	Oxycodone 40mg	Learning review with staff. Informed patient.	Drowsy, improved when reduced.
2021	Hospital	Fentanyl subcutaneous	Fentanyl sublingual	Discussed with ward team.	Nil (near miss)
2021	Hospital	Metformin	Metformin and Insulin	Informed patient.	Transient raised blood sugar
2021	Hospital	Edoxaban and LMWH	Edoxaban alone	Learning review with staff. Informed patient.	Nil
2020	Hospital	Madopar 62.5mg - two tablets twice a day	Madopar 62.5mg – two tablets three times a day	Learning review with staff.	Nil
2020	Hospital	Tramadol continued	Tramadol stop	Learning review with staff. Informed patient.	Nil (near miss)
2020	Hospital	Methotrexate 20mg a day	Methotrexate 20mg per week	Learning review with staff. Informed patient.	Nil (near miss)
2020	Hospital	Entacapone 400mg four times a day	Entacapone 200mg four times a day	Learning review with staff. Informed patient and care staff.	Nil.
2020	Hospital	Lower LMWH dose	Increased LMWH dose	Informed patient.	Nil.

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2019	Hospital	Pregabalin 200mg three times a day	Pregabalin 100mg three times a day	Informed care staff and health centre.	Nil
2019	Hospital	Penicillin derivative	Non-penicillin antimicrobials	Informed patient.	Nil (near miss)
2019	Hospital	Restarted antihypertensives	Withhold antihypertensives	Learning review with staff. Informed patient.	Hypotensive, improved with fluids.
2019	Hospital	Pramiexole milligrams vs micrograms	Lower microgram dose	Learning review with staff. Informed patient.	Increased drowsiness, reversed with return to usual dose.
2019	Hospital	Ibuprofen continued	Ibuprofen discontinue	Wider learning review with teams. Informed patient.	Contributed to ill health.

Table 2