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## Destruction of obsolete stock of Controlled Drugs

Following recent changes within NHS England, we are writing to remind you that the South West CDAO (Controlled Drugs Accountable Officer) team now covers the Dorset area. If you have obsolete stock schedule 2 CDs at the premises, please get in touch with us to request a visit from an authorised witness by emailing us at: england.southwestcontrolleddrugs@nhs.net or requesting via the CD reporting portal: www.cdreporting.co.uk.

If you are a branch of a large pharmacy multiple, your company will have its own witnesses authorised by NHS England, and these should be contacted instead.

Remember that you do not need a witness authorized by NHS England to destroy any patient returned controlled drugs, or stocks of schedule 3 or schedule 4 (part 1) controlled drugs. You should of course still have this witnessed.

Before a visit can be confirmed, you will need to ensure that you have a destruction kit (DOOM/DOOP) and a T28 exemption from the Environment Agency in place.

The team currently covers Bristol, North Somerset, South Gloucestershire, Dorset, Somerset, Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly and can easily be contacted through our generic inbox <u>england.southwestcontrolleddrugs@nhs.net</u>

We look forward to hearing from you.

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