

Controlled drugs

This section provides information about our role and the legal responsibilities of healthcare providers that handle controlled drugs.

What we do

We make sure that controlled drugs are managed safely. We do this by:

- checking how different regulators and agencies work together
- giving [guidance and tools to healthcare providers](#)
- leading the [Controlled Drugs National Group](#)
- reporting to the government about how partner organisations work together
- assessing and overseeing how health and social care providers manage controlled drugs
- taking part in local intelligence networks led by NHS England. These networks bring together organisations from:
 - NHS and independent health sectors
 - responsible bodies, regulators, and agencies, including the [General Pharmaceutical Council](#), [NHS Counter Fraud Authority](#) and police services.

Our reports

View our latest report on [the safer use of controlled drugs](#) which highlights our regulatory oversight activities and assessment findings.

The law

Visit [GOV.UK](#) to view UK government legislation:

[Health Act 2006: Part 3 Chapter 1](#)

[The Misuse of Drugs \(Safe Custody\) Regulations 1973](#)

[Misuse of Drugs Regulations 2001](#)

[Regulations Statutory Instrument 2013 No. 2013/373](#)

Government guidance

View the Department of Health's guidance on [controlled drugs regulation](#).

Relevant websites

[Department of Health](#)

[General Pharmaceutical Council](#)

[Health Professions Council](#)

[Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency](#)

[NHSBSA Prescription Services](#)

[NHS Counter Fraud Authority](#)

[NHS England](#)

[NICE medicines and prescribing support](#)

[Nursing and Midwifery Council](#)

[Public Health England](#)

[The Home Office](#)

See also

[Cannabis-based medicinal products](#)