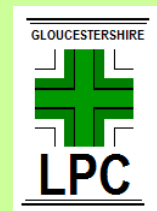
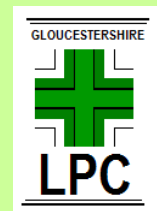


# PALLIATIVE CARE PROVISION IN GLOUCESTERSHIRE



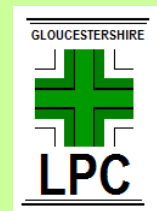
# ISSUE

- How to ensure provision of palliative care medicines are readily available.



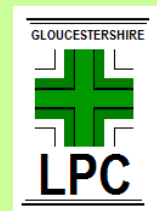
# Comments

- Nurses were complaining that they experienced difficulty in accessing palliative care medicines from pharmacies and particularly at weekends and in the evening when urgent drugs were required



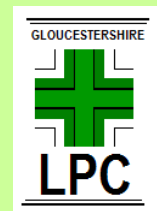
# Solutions

- Improve palliative care pathway to ensure a reduction in the need for urgent medication
- Provision of an Local Enhanced Service providing for Pharmacies to hold agreed stock levels of agreed medicines
- Introduction of an Urgent Pharmacy Call Out and Advice Service for Evenings and Weekends



# MODELS ELSEWHERE

- Hampshire – 24 hours fully funded pharmacist on call service.
- Other areas on-call pharmacists – best endeavours



# GLOUCESTERSHIRE SERVICE

- Pharmacies hold agreed stocks of medicines
- 24 pharmacists have agreed to go on the Urgent Call Out and Advice list and can be contacted out of hours
- List published to Nurses GPs and Out of Hours Services only
- Service to be accessed by Health Professionals only.

