

Date: 11<sup>th</sup> April 2011

**MESSAGE  
FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

**FOR THE ATTENTION OF:** Community Pharmacists.

**Re: NPSA Alert: The adult patient's passport to  
safer use of insulin**

Dear Colleague,

Following the email we sent last Monday regarding this alert we have had a number of queries about the availability of the insulin passport. Please note that the passport and patient booklet are not yet available; the earliest date we have been given is June and I expect it will be longer before there are adequate stocks ready for distribution. The alert closes 31<sup>st</sup> August 2012.

As with previous alerts of this nature we will be working across the health community to implement this alert. I anticipate that GP practices will distribute the passport to patients and that they will obtain them through their usual stationery route in a similar way to the anticoagulant and lithium booklets.

We will let GP practices and pharmacies know when the passports are available; please do not start to refer patients back to their GPs for passports until you have heard from us.

Full details of the alert are available at:

<http://www.nrls.npsa.nhs.uk/resources/?EntryId45=130397>

With best wishes

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