

**From the Chief Medical Officer
Professor Sir Michael McBride**



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ADDENDUM HSS(MD) 37/2022

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Dear Colleague

**FURTHER ADDENDUM to HSS(MD) 37/2022- WORLD PATIENT SAFETY DAY
17 SEPTEMBER 2022 EVENTS POSTPONED**

A new date for the roll out of the Northern Ireland (NI) 'Know, Check, Ask' medication safety campaign across Health and Social Care is 28 September 2022.

'Know, Check, Ask' aims to empower patients and their carers to become more involved in decisions about their medication and also aims to encourage health and social care staff to recognise their roles and responsibilities in ensuring that medicines are used safely. The campaign forms an integral part of the Department of Health's 'Transforming Medication Safety in Northern Ireland (NI)' strategy to meet the WHO 'Medication Without Harm' challenge.

We would again ask that you work with, and encourage, staff and colleagues within your organisation to promote and support this very important campaign.

A range of 'Know, Check Ask' resources are available to help your teams promote medication safety to both staff and patients. Resources including campaign HSC staff briefing document, posters, My Medicines List and animations are available at <https://online.hscni.net/know-check-ask>. In addition, printed resources have been distributed to your organisations.

For any queries in relation to 'Know Check Ask' please contact Regional Safer Medicines, Strategic Planning and Performance Group, email medicine.safety@hscni.net

We would like to thank you for your support to improve safe practices with medicines and embed a medication safety culture within our population.

Yours sincerely



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