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| <b>Reference:</b>       | FOI.20567.26                                     |
| <b>Subject:</b>         | Guidelines for cannabis based medicinal products |
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**Requested:**

1. Does your Trust currently have an SOP or formal policy governing the management of a patient's own prescribed CBMPs during an inpatient stay?
2. If not, are there existing plans to develop such a policy, with reference to the SOP adopted by Devon Partnership NHS Trust?
3. In the absence of a full policy, what guidance has been issued to ward staff, pharmacists, and medical officers regarding the lawful and safe support of a patient who brings their own prescribed CBMPs into hospital?
4. Please advise how your Trust is ensuring that medical cannabis patients are not subjected to confiscation of medication or interruption of treatment, given that such experiences have been documented elsewhere in the NHS.

**Response:**

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) does not have a specific policy for cannabis based medicinal products.
2. The UHB does not hold information relating to the Devon Partnership NHS Trust's Standard Operating Procedure (SOP). However, the All-Wales Therapeutics and Toxicology Centre (AWTTC) have recently published the All-Wales self-administration of medicines framework, an overarching document intended to be applicable to all medications. The UHB is currently updating its self-administration policy in accordance with the framework. A link to the All-Wales self-administration of medicines framework has been provided below:

[All Wales self-administration of medicines framework - All Wales Therapeutics and Toxicology Centre](#)

Additionally, when developing local policies, the UHB embraces opportunities to share good practice with the other Health Boards in NHS Wales, ensuring that any locally developed policies reflect a consistent approach across Wales.

3. The use of a patient's own medicinal cannabis products in a UHB hospital would be considered in line with its local policies. Copies of the relevant policies have been provided as detailed below:
  - Attachment 1 - Policy 268 - Medicines Policy (Acute, Mental Health, Learning Disabilities and Community Services)
  - Attachment 2 - Policy 708 - Controlled Drugs Governance Policy
  - Attachment 3 - Policy 293 - Smoke Free Policy
4. The Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA) covers any recorded information that is held by a public authority; recorded information includes printed documents, computer files, letters, emails, photographs, and sound or video recordings. The FoIA does not cover information on

estimates, opinions or recommendations. The UHB has an obligation to provide information already in recorded form but cannot create new information to answer a question. However, the UHB adheres to the policies detailed in response to question 3.