

# 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

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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](#)

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[NICE medicines and prescribing support](#)

[Nursing and Midwifery Council](#)

[Public Health England](#)

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## See also

[Cannabis-based medicinal products](#)

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