

# Handling Medicines Safely for Social Care Staff

## Medicines management and administration of medicines eLearning modules

A wide range of people; non-registered and registered workforce, patients and their carers all contribute to safe handling and administration of medicine. It is important that people are trained appropriately to manage medicines safely and that people are supported to make shared decisions about medicines.

Health Education England worked with health and social care colleagues to develop a collection of medicines related training resources for non-registered staff across the wider workforce.

### Care workers

The handling medicines safely for social care staff e-learning modules are aimed at the non-registered medicines workforce, focusing on the knowledge and skills necessary to handle and administer medicines safely. If you are a care worker working in a health and social care environment, handling medicines regularly and supporting people with their medicines, either in their own home or in nursing or residential care settings, then you should find this e-learning useful.

### Informal carers

The e-learning modules have been designed primarily to support social care staff. However, informal carers (for example unpaid carers helping a family member, neighbour, or friend) should find Module 2: Administering Medication useful.

## How to access the e-learning

The modules are free to access from our web page at [Training for non-registered medicines workforce](#) along with other useful resources. Go to the webpage or click on the links below.

[Module 1 Introduction to Handling Medicines Safely](#)

[Module 2 Administering Medication](#)

[Module 3 Ordering, receiving, storing and disposal of medicines](#)

Module 4: Understanding Medicines Coming soon and will cover topics such as: actions and uses of commonly prescribed medicines, high risk medicines, risk reduction, accountability, responsibility and much more.



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