

Patient Safety ALERT: Administration of medication via syringe pumps - BD Plastipak Luer Lock Syringes

A Patient Safety Alert (PSA) was raised dated 20.12.17 which has created some confusion. Please note this alert now supersedes PSA No.44.

To maintain a secure connection the BD Plastipak Luer **Lock** syringe is the **ONLY** type of syringe that can be used in any infusion devices within the Trust.



The BD Plastipak Luer Slip or the newly introduced BD Emerald range (which is identifiable with a green plunger) **MUST NOT** be used in any infusion devices. **There is a risk of over infusion and severe or even fatal drug error of using the incorrect type of syringe in our infusion devices.**



FOR URGENT ACTION BY MANAGERS

- Ensure that ALL STAFF in your team are aware of this safety alert

If you have any questions please contact Darren Proctor (Head of Procurement) or Kathleen Wedgeworth (Clinical Nurse Specialist Intravascular Fluid Management)