

Title	Sickle Cell patient seeking morphine & other controlled drugs.
	Note, this refreshed alert supersedes the previous alert (expired 5/8/2025)
То	London Region CDAOs & Chief Pharmacists (NHS Acute Trusts), London Ambulance Service, ICB Chief Pharmacists, GP Practices and Out of Hours Services NHS England Regional Lead CDAOs
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Background information and patient details	We continue to be aware of an individual with sickle cell disease who is using multiple aliases to obtain prescriptions for morphine and other opioids across multiple regions of England, both in person and remotely. The list of aliases has increased in number and includes:
	The individual is male, black African Caribbean, around 6ft 5, and has previously attended multiple hospitals across London and other regions of England. He has also been registered at various GP practices, both across London and other regions of England and has been identified by LAS as a frequent caller We understand that whilst the individual is affiliated to an address in London, they are accessing services, including Acute Trust emergency departments, GP Practices and Out of hours services across several regions of England in addition

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to London. This is in both person and remotely.

An alert is present on his National Care Record; and in our previous alert, we outlined that his approach is to refuse consent for his records to be accessed and he deregisters from a GP Practice when his requests for opioids are declined, and he then moves on and registers at another GP Practice.

As an update, he is currently under the care of Hillcrest Surgery in Acton and his GP is working in collaboration with London North West University Healthcare NHS Trust haematology department to provide the care and support he requires.

ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN

Before prescribing, you must consider whether the information you have is sufficient and reliable enough to enable you to prescribe safely.

- ➤ Do you have access to the patient's medical records or other reliable information about their health and other treatments they are receiving
- > Can you verify other important information by examination or testing
- Would the patient be at risk of death or serious harm if they are also obtaining medication from other sources

If the individual presents at your organisation trying to obtain a prescription or a supply of controlled drugs or you have any further intelligence:

- ➤ Contact the NHSE London Controlled Drug Accountable Officer team via www.cdreporting.co.uk and we will inform the Trust.
- ➤ Inform our Met Police Controlled Drug Liaison Officers (CDLOs) via email: <u>SCMAILBOX-.SOCHQ-CONTROLLEDDRUGLIAISONOFFICERS@met.police.uk</u>

Time frame & sensitivity

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Many thanks for your assistance in this matter

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