

# Core brief

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## Introduction

This issue of Core Brief provides an update on Safer Sharps.

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### Switchover date to Safer Sharps devices – next phase May 2018

From **8<sup>th</sup> May 2018** we will roll out the next phase which will focus on **Winged Infusion Sets** and **Scalpels**.

#### What does this mean for users of these products?

From this date where non safer devices are used procurement will only supply Safer Sharps as standard

#### Winged Infusion Sets

The majority of areas who order these should see no change as procurement data shows that they already receive products with safety devices incorporated into the design.

#### Scalpels

Safety Devices are available and already in use in some areas, however it is recognised that in the majority of clinical areas who use scalpels e.g. theatres, ongoing trials will be required prior to any decision on changing device.

**ALL** areas that require to continue to use a device without a safety feature need to demonstrate, via a **suitable risk assessment**, sound clinical reasons why a non safety unprotected sharp must be used. For example the use of the safety device,

- Compromises patient care
- Exposes staff or patient to other more significant hazards

Completed risk assessments should be forwarded to [Health.Safety@ggc.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:Health.Safety@ggc.scot.nhs.uk)

If you have any queries on this issue please contact your local Health and Safety or Procurement contact.

#### **Mandatory Sharps LearnPro modules**

As a reminder we have also highlighted the processes for accessing the mandatory learnpro training modules on sharps safety as below:

1. All staff **who may come into contact with** a healthcare related sharp (needle, lancet, blade etc) **must** complete the module located on LearnPro below:

Tab – Role Specific Mandatory Modules

Course – GGC: Management of Needlestick and Similar Injuries

1. All staff **who use** a healthcare related sharp **must** complete both the above module and the module below:

Tab – ‘Infection Prevention and Control’

Course – ‘NES: Scottish IPC Education Pathway’

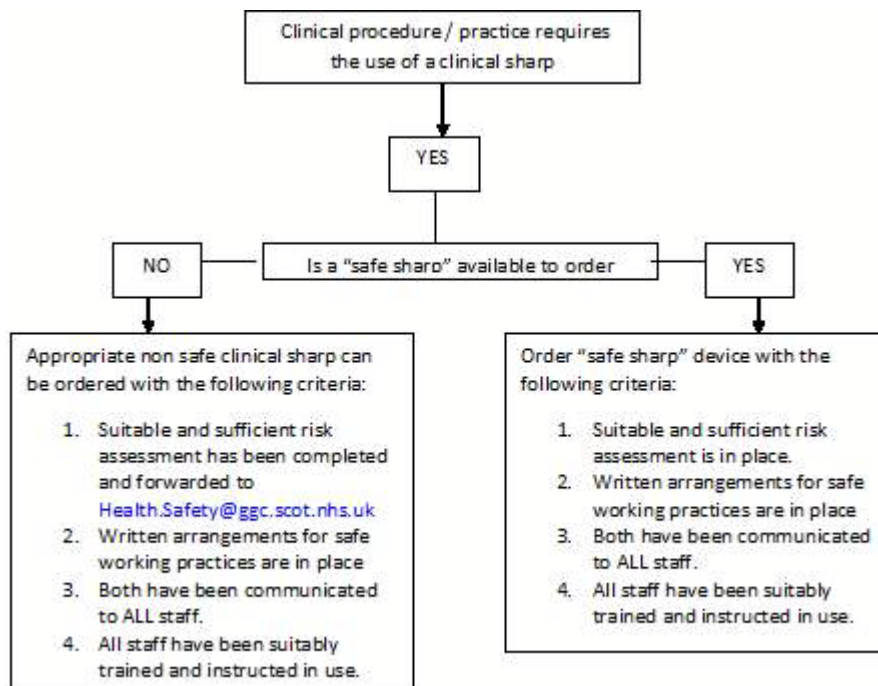
Module – ‘Prevention and Management of Occupational Exposure’

**NB** If you cannot find the above modules, type ‘needle’ or ‘sharp’ into the search bar in LearnPro and both modules will be displayed.

### HSCP Specific Sharps Information

Additional information specifically for HSCP staff can be accessed here: [HSCP Staffnet Page](#)

### Selecting Sharps Devices Flowchart



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