

## MEDICATION SAFETY ALERT

### Prescribing of Buccal Midazolam

There is now a new midazolam oral solution available for buccal administration. From July 2012, specialist teams will begin to transfer patients to licensed preparation (*Buccolam*) from unlicensed preparation (*Epistatus*)

#### Differences between preparations

- Buccolam is available in pre-filled syringes
- Strength of *Buccolam* is 5mg/ml
- Strength of *Epistatus* is 10mg/ml

#### Actions

- Specialist teams will change patients to *Buccolam* on next routine review and inform GP of change (using updated shared care framework)
- **When changing, prescribers must check current dose and prescribe *Buccolam* in mg AND ml**
- When supplying, staff should ensure patient (or patient's carer) understands how to administer dose
- In primary care, GPs should change preparations when advised by specialist team OR where patient is no longer under care of specialist team.
- **In all cases change of prescription must be undertaken in consultation with patient / patient's carer.**

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## NEW BUCCAL MIDAZOLAM PRODUCT (*Buccolam*)

