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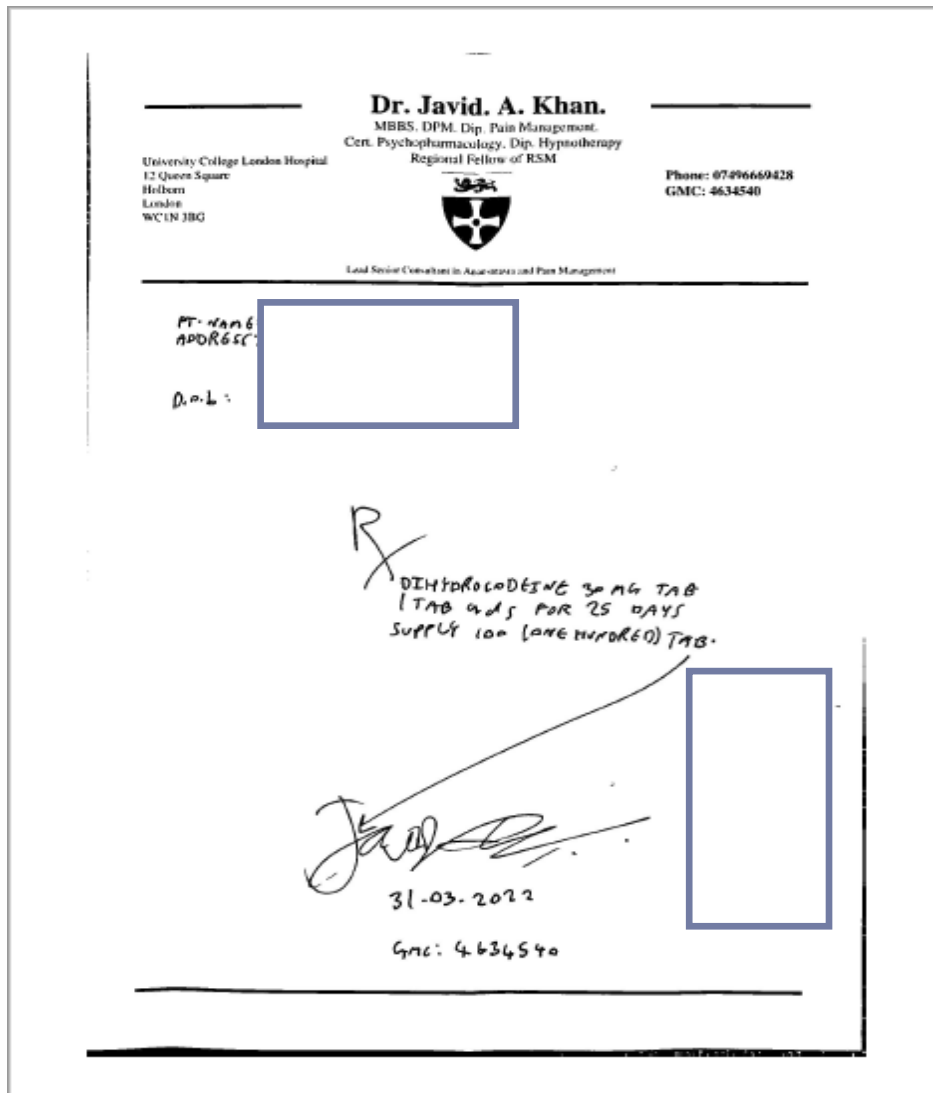
Controlled Drugs: Learning from incidents

This bulletin contains local and national CD information for shared learning.

ALERT—FRADULENT SCRIPTS!!!!

Private prescriptions for Dihydrocodeine 30mg Tablets (100) have been presented on white A4 paper to 9 pharmacies within the County Durham and Tees Valley area's. Some have been supplied and some identified as fraudulent. **DO NOT SUPPLY** if you are presented with a script like this (unless you can confirm it is authentic with the prescriber). **THEY ARE FRAUDULENT.** It has been confirmed that the clinics are genuine. It has also been confirmed that patient details used are false. The suspect seems to be a pale looking white male in his early twenties.

We are working very closely with NHSE and the police to make all pharmacies aware.



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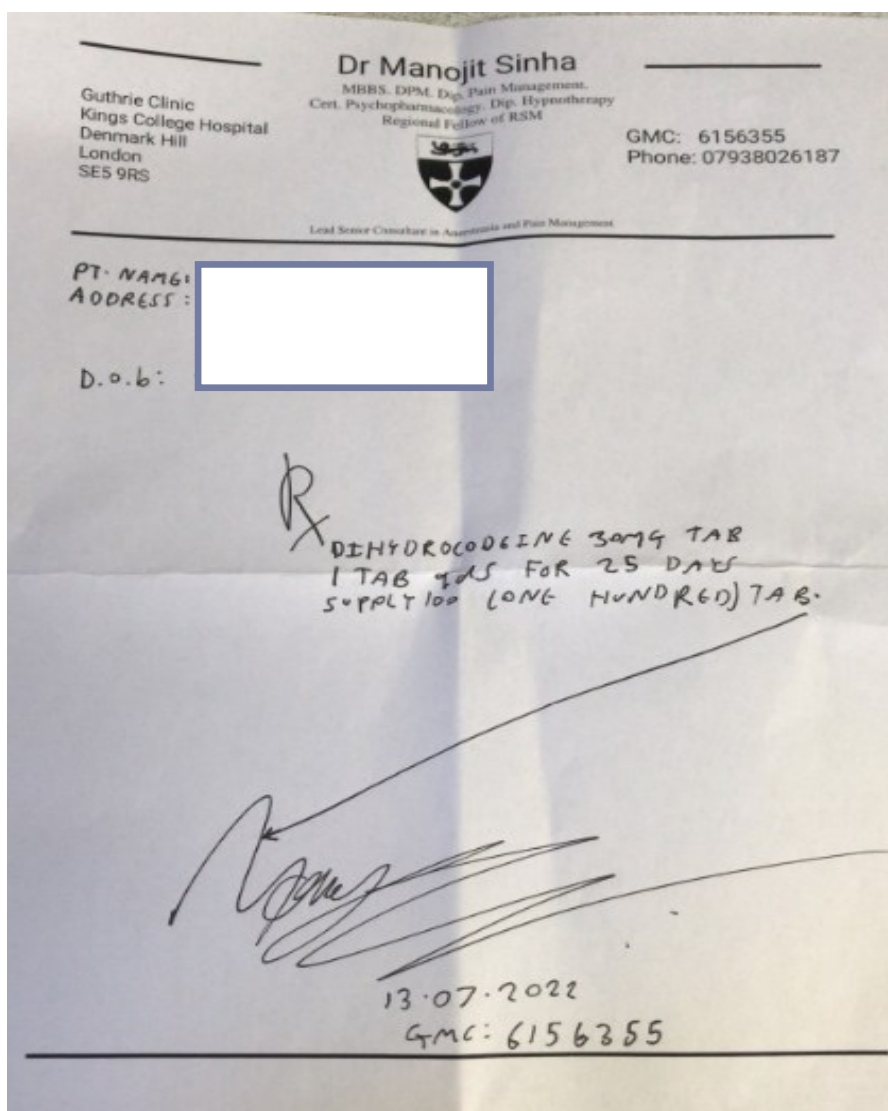
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PLEASE DO THE FOLLOWING IF PRESENTED WITH A SCRIPT LIKE THIS:

- Contact the police on 999 if the suspect is within the pharmacy
- DO NOT give the script back to the suspect
- Record a visual description of the suspect and save CCTV footage
- Contact the CDAO at england.cumbrianortheast-cds@nhs.net
- Report the incident on the CD portal at www.cdreporting.co.uk

Please check if you have already dispensed a script like this going back to March 2022 and immediately contact Victoria Bennett on 07867143246.

As good practice, if you are presented with any private prescriptions please contact the prescriber as routine to ensure validity.



If you need advice, or would like an article to be included in a future issue, please contact a member of the Controlled Drug Team below, who manages your area:

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