

Q1: Have you experienced medication shortages in your hospital in the last 6months?

Total 58 votes

Yes
57 (98%)
No
1

Q2: Have you found the problem of medication shortages to be?

Total 58 votes

The worst I've ever experienced
35 (60%)
Worse than previous years
19 (33%)
Similar/much the same as previous years
4 (7%)
Much better than previous years
0
Better than previous years
0

Q3: Were many of these medications for critical medicines or medicines for which there was no alternative available?

Total 58 votes

10-20%	3 (5%)
17 (29%)	
	0%
20-40%	1 (2%)
15 (26%)	
	>80%
5-10%	0
12 (21%)	Gdsg
40-60%	
6 (10%)	
<5%	
4 (7%)	
60-80%	

Q4: How much notice of shortages do you have on average?

Total 58 votes

- None
- 34 (59%)
- 1 week
- 17 (29%)
- 2 weeks
- 4 (7%)
- 3 weeks
- 1 (2%)
- 4 weeks
- 1 (2%)
- >4 weeks
- 1 (2%)

Q5: How much of your time is taken up by managing medication shortages in the average week?

Total 58 votes

- 1-3 hours
- 27 (47%)
- 3-5 hours
- 12 (21%)
- <1 hour
- 10 (17%)
- 5-10 hours
- 8 (14%)
- >10 hours
- 1 (0.2%)

Q6: How much of your department's time has been taken up by managing medication shortages in the average week?

Total 58 votes

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| >10 hours | 9 (16%) |
| 30 (52%) | 1-3 hours |
| 5-10 hours | 2 (3%) |
| 17 (29%) | <1 hour |
| 3-5 hours | 0 |

Q7: Do you know of patients who have received less than optimal treatment or missed out on treatment due to medication shortages?

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Yes

44 (76%)

No

14 (24%)

Q8: In your opinion, who is best placed to strategically manage shortage of critical meds e.g. IVIg

Total 58 votes

AHDMP (Acute Hospitals Drugs Management Programme)

20 (35%)

HPRA

17 (29%)

Department of Health (DOH)

8 (14%)

Nation Clinical Programme Leads

3 (5%)

Marketing Authorisation Holder (MAH)

2 (3%)

Others

8 (14%)

Collaborative approach required involving all of above lead by HPRA, AHDMP and National Clinical Leads

1

Combination of above

2

Coordinated approach with eg Ahdmp nccp etc assisting with recommendations of alternatives so that local management may not be as stressful

1

Depends on medicine and circumstances

1

Need separate group

1

Specialised unit in the HSE or HPRA dealing with producing guidance on shortages and alternatives suitable when shortages occur

1

Local

1



Q9: Has the HPRA Medicines Shortages Framework (MSF) improved the communication around medicines shortage on the ground?

Total 58 votes

No

27 (47%)

Yes

21 (36%)

No opinion

10 (17%)