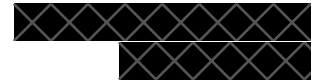




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To whom it may concern,

**Support for Isle of Wight NHS Trust in using drones under CAP 1915 to mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on cancer care**

As the Chief Pharmacist and Associate Director for Medicines Optimisation at the Isle of Wight NHS Trust. I have a duty of care to all our cancer patients that require chemotherapy on the island. Due to the disruptive impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on our logistics. I am seeking a faster and more reliable delivery service that drones can provide.

During 2020, as part of the wider NHS centralisation of chemotherapy manufacturing, our Trust was required to decommission its on-site manufacturing unit. As a result, we are dependent on Portsmouth's NHS Pharmacy Manufacturing Unit to manufacture the chemotherapy our patients need.

Before COVID-19, the logistics of this new system were challenging to manage, often with patients facing delays in receiving their treatment, the chemotherapy drugs expiring and clinical staff spending their time on non-clinical administrative matters such as chasing taxis and ferries. The pandemic has exacerbated the above-mentioned issues, alongside the team being under greater pressure to provide the much needed high quality care for our patients. Compounded with pandemic associated staffing shortages.

The Pharmacy department and the wider Isle of Wight NHS Trust are extremely grateful to the Civil Aviation Authority for prioritising COVID-19 drone deliveries under CAP 1915. Please do not hesitate to get in touch for further information.

Yours sincerely



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