St Margaret's Hospice Care

NHS Somerset NHS Foundation Trust

Flow Diagram for Carer Administration of Subcutaneous Injections Pathway

Identify the Patient

- Known to DN team or Palliative services.
- Has or will have Just in Case medications prescribed and Mar chart in the residence.
- Patient consents to Carer Administration

YES, PROCEED

Identify Formal Carer

- Over 18 years of age
- No contraindications to carer giving medications
- Carer consents to training and assessment process
- Living with or within easy distance of the patient

NO

YES, PROCEED

Not appropriate to train Informal Carer

- District nurses will administer JIC s/c medications.
- Consider alternative oral/buccal preparations in addition to injectable JIC medications
- Sensitively document any concerns raised and email checklist to somicb.crc-smh@nhs.net for recording on Electronic Health records.

CONCERNS RAISED

Check patients Electronic Health records

- Any documented concerns for carer administration e.g drug misuse, safeguarding or care concerns, cognitive impairment.
- Discuss with Primary Care (GP).

NO CONCERNS RAISED, PROCEED

CONCERNS RAISED

Training

- Arrange 1:1 training session – face to face
- Provide copy of carer training handbook to be kept in green folder.
- Direct carer to training videos (see appendix)
- Provide equipment needed (see list in appendix)
- Obtain consent for carer to receive feedback form following death of patient.

NO CONCERNS RAISED, PROCEED

Complete Training Checklist

- Complete 1:1 training checklist to address all objectives and assessment criteria in the checklist.
- For each objective, tick and initial to confirm it has been achieved.
- Ensure carer signs the document.
- Seek consent for carer feedback and tick box
- If patient is NOT known to the hospice, please ensure you have full details of carer and patient – full name, date of birth and address
- Ensure carer knows to call DN hub post administration of medication.
- Email completed checklist to somicb.crc-smh@nhs.net