

Morland House Surgery
Lost medications and controlled drugs policy

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance to patients to enable safe prescribing of controlled drugs (CDs). Inappropriate prescribing of these medicines can result in harm including addiction, physical and mental harm, criminal misuse and death.

This guideline primarily focuses on drugs which are commonly used for recreation, abuse, or where risk of diversion is high.

These include but are not limited to:

- Morphine
- Tramadol
- Codeine
- Dihydrocodeine
- Oxycodone
- Fentanyl
- Buprenorphine
- Diazepam
- Lorazepam
- Temazepam
- Alprazolam
- Pregabalin
- Gabapentin
- Zopiclone
- Zolpidem

Patients who request these medicines before they are due (as worked out by the dose on instructions and quantity issued) or who run out because they have increased the dose without discussing with a Doctor will have their prescription rejected.

Lost medications – controlled drugs

If a patient contacts the surgery saying they have lost their controlled drug medication for the first time, it is up to the on-call doctor or clinician as to whether more should be issued. We reserve the right to not issue a further supply of these prescriptions until they are next due again. A record of this will be made on the patient's notes.

If a patient contacts the surgery again saying they have lost their CD medications, it will again be down to the on-call doctor or clinician's discretion and clinical judgment as to whether a supply will be issued. Prescriptions will be changed to weekly and another record made on the patient's notes.

If a patient on weekly prescriptions contacts the surgery saying they have lost their CD medications, their prescriptions will be changed to daily prescriptions and they will not be issued with more medication.