Prescribing Controlled Drugs on FP10 Prescriptions

Prescriptions for Controlled Drugs are subject to enhanced prescription requirements. They must be in indelible ink (or printed), be signed by the prescriber, be dated and must specify the prescriber’s address.

In addition, the prescription must always state the following:

- The name and home address of the patient
- The formulation of the preparation
- The strength (where more than one is available)
- The dose to be taken and the directions / frequency
- The total quantity of the preparation, (or the number of dose units), in both words and figures

Examples:

1. Morphine Sulfate (as MST Continus)
   - Form - m/r tablet
   - Strength of the preparation - 30mg
   - Dose – One to be taken every 12 hours
   - Quantity in words and figures
     - Supply 14 (fourteen) tablets

2. Buprenorphine Patch (as BuTrans)
   - Form – Patch
   - Strength of the preparation - ‘20’
   - Dose - One patch to be applied every 7 days
   - Quantity in words and figures
     - Supply 5 (five) patches

See BNF ‘Guidance on Prescribing’ section for additional advice