

Chief Pharmacist and Controlled Drugs Accountable Officer (CDAO)

The Chief Pharmacist is the lead for ensuring that all aspects of medicine use within the organisation are safe and used optimally. They also lead on key issues such as ensuring our medicines are secure.

The Chief Pharmacist is accountable to the Trust Board as to the quality of medicines used and the standard of pharmacy services across the organisation. The Chief Pharmacist also leads and manages the pharmacy team.

The Chief Pharmacist at The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre NHS Foundation Trust is also the Accountable Officer for the Trust.

The Controlled Drugs Accountable Officer (CDAO) is the person responsible for ensuring and providing assurance that their organisation has effective systems in place for the safe and secure management of CDs. This is a requirement under the Health Act 2006. Regulations 11-13 set out the core duties and functions of the CDAO and can be found in Part 2 of The Controlled Drugs (Supervision of Management and Use) Regulations 2013 (SI (2013/373))