

# **Considering organising an MDS compliance aid for a patient?**

This list gives some suggestions about the patient aids available and where you can get them. This may enable patients or their relatives to manage their medicines without the need for a Monitored Dosage System (MDS).

Before supplying an MDS, you may want to:

- Ensure a medicines review has been undertaken and the regimen simplified.
- Consider if a relative/informal carer who lives with the patient can help open bottles.
- Consider medication reminder charts and administration charts.
- Would a patient aid help? E.g. colour coding, setting alarm clocks, posters in prominent places such as on the fridge or by the sink.
- A relative/informal carer may be happy to fill a weekly calendar box.

There are a lot more aids that can be used. The companies listed supply a number of products in addition to those shown.

The LPC has no affiliation to any of the suppliers and the list is not exhaustive.

## **Active Mobility Limited**

01642 805050

[www.activemobility.co.uk](http://www.activemobility.co.uk)

## **Dudley Hunt/Allied Health**

Unit 7, Blair Atholl Sawmill Yard

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Perthshire

PH18 5TL

Tel: 01796 482105

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[www.dudleyhunt.co.uk](http://www.dudleyhunt.co.uk)

## **The Ability Superstore**

0800 255 0498 or 061 8500884

[www.abilitysuperstore.com](http://www.abilitysuperstore.com)

## **Pivotell Limited**

01799 550979

[www.pivotell.co.uk](http://www.pivotell.co.uk)

**Talking Products Limited**

Unit C8, The Premier Centre  
Abbey Park Industrial Estate  
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SO51 9DG  
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**W&W Medsystems**

Unit B1 Crosland Road Industrial Estate  
Netherton  
Huddersfield  
HD4 7DJ

01484 667822

[www.wwmed.co.uk](http://www.wwmed.co.uk)

**Tabtime Limited**

41 Park Lane  
Sandbach  
Cheshire CW11 1EN  
01270 767207

[www.tabtime.com](http://www.tabtime.com)

**Living Made Easy**

[www.livingmadeeasy.org.uk](http://www.livingmadeeasy.org.uk)

0300 999 0004

**Weldricks**

[www.weldricks.co.uk](http://www.weldricks.co.uk)

0845 402 4409

**Express Chemist**

[www.expresschemist.co.uk](http://www.expresschemist.co.uk)

0800 542 1203

	What It Does	Available From
	<p>The Poppet is an easier faster pill de-blistering and preparation device</p>	<p><a href="http://www.wwmed.co.uk">www.wwmed.co.uk</a></p>
	<p>PillPress – designed to help people remove tablets from foil blister packaging</p>	<p><a href="http://TalkingProducts.com">TalkingProducts.com</a></p>
	<p>Tablet splitters</p>	<p><a href="http://www.wwmed.co.uk">www.wwmed.co.uk</a>  <a href="http://dudleyhunt.co.uk">dudleyhunt.co.uk</a>  <a href="http://activemobility.co.uk">activemobility.co.uk</a></p>
	<p>Tablet crushers</p>	<p><a href="http://www.wwmed.co.uk">www.wwmed.co.uk</a>  <a href="http://dudleyhunt.co.uk">dudleyhunt.co.uk</a></p>

	<p><b>Mediwheel</b></p> <p>Knurled transparent top rotates in one direction For the blind or partially sighted, the ribbed compartments indicate dosage times, an audible click can be heard and "movement" can be felt when rotated.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.wmed.co.uk">www.wmed.co.uk</a></p>
	<p><b>Pill Timer</b></p> <p>Never miss another dose with the Pill Timer. Alarm sounds each time you need to take your medication.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.medimax.co.uk">www.medimax.co.uk</a></p>
	<p>Easily programmed with 3 extra large control buttons Generously proportioned easy read screen with clear display. 3 bar battery power indicator. Easy access &amp; trouble free battery change.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.medimax.co.uk">www.medimax.co.uk</a></p>
	<p>Weekly pill &amp; medication timer/reminder that you can easily adapt to become a daily pocket sized timer/reminder that you can carry with you</p>	<p><a href="http://Tabtime.com">Tabtime.com</a></p>

 <p>Talking Products</p> <p>Tablets</p> <p>Copyright Talking Products Ltd 2013</p>	<p>Talking Labels attach to standard packaging and allow you to record and store a voice message, which can then be played back at any time with the push of a button.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.talkingproducts.com">www.talkingproducts.com</a></p>
 <p>Bellman &amp; Symfon®</p>	<p>At the pre-programmed times, the dispenser rotates, the alarm signal is heard, and the correct dosage comes into view through the opening in the lid. The alarm continues to ring for 25 minutes.</p> <p>Can be set to dispense medicines up to 4 times a day. Lockable therefore cannot overdose</p>	<p><a href="http://Pivotell.co.uk">Pivotell.co.uk</a></p>
	<p><b>Eye Drop Aids</b> - Opticare accurately and safely targets the eye and helps you to squeeze the bottle. The grip sized design makes it ideal for elderly or arthritic hands. Each dispenser is now supplied with a simple adaptor making it compatible with many non-standard bottles.</p>	<p><a href="http://Activemobility.co.uk">Activemobility.co.uk</a></p>
	<p>Autodrop Eye Drop Dispenser</p>	<p><a href="http://expresschemist.co.uk">expresschemist.co.uk</a></p>

		<p>Grip It Bottle Opener</p>	<p><a href="http://www.livingmadeeasy.org.uk">www.livingmadeeasy.org.uk</a></p>
		<p>Haleraid fits over the MDI and enables the device to be actuated by a “squeezing” technique, even if dexterity is poor. Haleraid 120 for the 120 dose MDIs e.g. Serevent Haleraid 200 for the 200 does MDIs e.g. Ventolin</p>	
<p><b>Inhaler Braille and texture markings</b></p>		<p>AstraZeneca have various Braille markings on the base of their dry powder Turbohaler devices. GlaxoSmithKline have textured markings on their MDIs.</p>	
<p><b>Braille Labels</b></p>		<p>Company produce large print Braille and other printed matter for the visually impaired.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.a2i.co.uk">www.a2i.co.uk</a></p>
		<p>Nomad disposable</p>	<p>Surgichem Ltd Surgichem House Milton Court Horsfield Way Bredbury Park Industrial Estate Stockport SK6 2TD <a href="http://www.surgichem.co.uk">www.surgichem.co.uk</a></p>

	<p>Venalink Cold Seal/heatseal</p> <p>Available in daily, weekly and 2 weekly packs</p>	<p>Venalink Unit 46 First Avenue, Zone 2 Deeside Industrial Park, Deeside, Flintshire, CH5 2NU Tel: 01244 287050 <a href="http://www.venalink.co.uk">www.venalink.co.uk</a></p>
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