Medication can sometimes be prescribed by medical professionals to support people with their behaviours. Everyone has the right to receive appropriate support, but Sense also wants to minimise unnecessary use of such medications. We promote alternatives like active support and positive behaviour support.

Anyone taking such medications should have these reviewed every 6 months, side-effects should be reported rapidly and the prescriber should have a plan in place to reduce their use in future.

If medications are prescribed that affect mood and behaviour . . .

- Do you know what each medication is for?
- Do you know what side-effects to look out for?
- Do you know when the medication was last reviewed?

If you are concerned about any medication that you are supporting someone to take, then you have a Duty Of Care to inform your manager.

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