



The Psoriasis and Psoriatic Arthritis Alliance

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Skin cream warning

A recent BBC investigation highlighted the danger of products, which contain paraffin, and that they can catch light and cause a fire.

Products that contain paraffin are widely used in a number of treatments for psoriasis. The creams can soak into clothes, bedding and dressings and therefore, be prone to catching light, if they come in contact with a flame or spark.

The BBC report said that since 2010 there have been 37 deaths linked to fires involving topical creams that contain paraffin.

The Medicines & Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) has issued updated warnings to healthcare professionals that smoking or a naked flame could cause patients' dressings or clothing to catch fire when being treated with paraffin-based emollient, that is in contact with the dressing or clothing. The BBC report suggests that the message is not getting through to patients and more needs to be done. For further information go the [BBC news story](#) or the [MHRA warning](#)



Risk of depression in PsA

A recently published study from Canada, suggests that depression may be a trigger of psoriatic arthritis in people with psoriasis.

Dr David Ashton, medical advisor to PAPAA, has reviewed the findings. [Read the article](#)



Charity walk

Clare Phillips is taking part in the 100km London to Brighton challenge, which is part of the Ultra Challenge Series. Claire is raising money for PAPAA in memory of her late mum Moira Bignell.

The walk will be on 27 May 2017 to 28 May 2017 to learn more, go to Clare's [JustGiving page](#)



Wristbands

If you are thinking about supporting PAPAA or raising awareness about psoriasis and or psoriatic arthritis, why not check out some of the merchandise we have available?

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