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Learning points from Case 18/01:

- The case involved a registrant who shared his Trust computer password with agency staff; and after being prohibited from using the computer system while this was investigated, accessed the system via a colleague's account.

Learning point 1:

- Make sure you are familiar with your employer's policies and procedures regarding information governance, and adhere to them at all times. If you do not feel you have been given adequate induction at a new workplace, ask for additional information from your line manager.

Learning point 2:

- Remember you are responsible for your own practice and for upholding the standards of the clinical technologist profession, and do not accept opportunities to take shortcuts, or 'workarounds', that would violate policies.

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### Learning points from Case 17/01:

- The case involved a registrant who had provided an incorrect and potentially harmful dose of radioactive isotope to a patient. The registrant did not inform anyone of the presumed error once she was aware of it and incorrectly recorded the dose in the record.
- The registrant was not familiar with the employer's procedure for checking dosages and did not consult a senior colleague.

### Learning point 1:

- Make sure you are familiar with your employer's procedures for dose checking and administration. If you cannot recall a procedure then consult the document before starting to administer the dose.

### Learning point 2:

- If you make an error, always report it immediately to the appropriate person so that the situation can be assessed and remedial action can be taken as necessary – the safety of the patient/public is the most important consideration.