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Dear Ms Thyer,

I write on behalf of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain to respond to the above consultation document. The Society welcomes the opportunity to comment.

The consultation document proposes:

- the POM Order is amended to allow Supplementary Prescribers to prescribe or administer an unlicensed POM (paragraph 11)
- NHS regulations be amended to allow Supplementary Prescribers in the NHS in England to prescribe unlicensed medicines
- Schedule 1 to the 1994 regulations be amended to permit the supply of a an unlicensed relevant medicinal product in response to a bona fide unsolicited order, if the product is formulated in accordance with the specification of a Supplementary Prescriber and is for use by his or her patients (paragraphs 12 to 15)
- an order be made under section 15 of the Medicines Act 1968 to enable the preparation or dispensing of a product by, or under the supervision of, a pharmacist in a registered pharmacy, in a hospital or a health centre in accordance with the prescription of a Supplementary Prescriber (paragraphs 16 to 19)
- there is no need for the wholesale supply of unlicensed medicines direct to a supplementary prescriber (paragraph 20)

The Society is content with the proposals.

Yours sincerely,

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