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Dear Ms Melhuish,

Consultation on dm+d AND MEDICAL GASES

The Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain (RPSGB) is the professional and regulatory body for pharmacists in England, Scotland and Wales. It also regulates pharmacy technicians on a voluntary basis, which is expected to become statutory under anticipated legislation. The primary objectives of the Society are to lead, regulate, develop and represent the profession of pharmacy.

The Society leads and supports the development of the profession within the context of the public benefit. This includes the advancement of science, practice, education and knowledge in pharmacy. In addition, it promotes the profession's policies and views to a range of external stakeholders in a number of different forums.

The Society has responsibility for a wide range of functions that combine to assure competence and fitness to practise. These include controlled entry into the profession, education, registration, setting and enforcing professional standards, promoting good practice, providing support for improvement, dealing with poor performance, dealing with misconduct and removal from the register. The Society also produces a Code of Ethics containing standards governing the conduct, the practice of pharmacists and pharmacist's competencies.

Pharmacists under their Code of Ethics are only able to operate within their range of competence. All pharmacists must adhere to the RPSGB Code of Ethics and it is enforced through the RPSGB regulatory machinery. The ultimate sanction would be removing the pharmacist's name from the Register. The Society's forthcoming Section 60 Order will also provide the ability to suspend or restrict practice and where necessary prevent a pharmacist prescribing.

The Hospital Pharmacists Group of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain welcomes the opportunity to participate in the consultation process. We would make particular

comment on the following: -

Most of these gases will be used in secondary care. However, the HOS service uses a Home Oxygen Order Form that will move to electronic format in due course. From that perspective, there will be a need to ensure that the products for each supplier are included in the dm+d. Overall, based on discussions with HPG committee member Tim Root, the suggested re-authoring of dm+d medical gas entries is clear and we would support your proposal.

We hope these comments will be taken into consideration, and would like to thank you for the opportunity to participate in the consultation. If you have any queries regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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