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Dear Ms Browning

Re: Animal Health and Welfare Strategy

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.

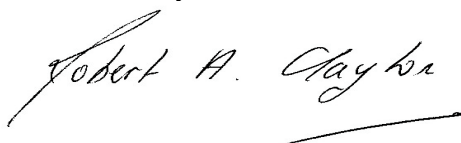
The RPSGB Veterinary Pharmacists Group was established more than twenty-five years ago and is actively involved in livestock and companion animal issues. Pharmacy has an important role to play in providing advice and guidance on zoonoses and other public health issues linked to animals or veterinary medicines. The Veterinary Pharmacists Group is keen to ensure that pharmacy's contribution is recognised.

The consultation on "Animal health and welfare" has been drawn to the Society's attention. The RPSGB will be responding to the questions highlighted in your consultation and we do hope that our comments will be taken into consideration. We would welcome the opportunity to be included in the consultation process and would ask that the Society be added to the list of organisations for receipt of future consultations.

We note that your Group's terms of reference state that "the Group will liaise regularly with its counterparts in Scotland and Wales". It would be helpful if you would provide us with contact details for us to pass to our offices in Scotland and Wales.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely



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