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Dear Ms Quigley,

**Re: Tackling nuisance or disturbance behaviour on NHS healthcare premises:
a paper for consultation**

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

The Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain 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 Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain welcomes the opportunity to comment on the 'Tackling nuisance or disturbance behaviour on NHS healthcare premises' consultation.

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Section 6 of the consultation document provides details of 'NHS premises' expected to be covered by the new legislation and proposes that premises owned, leased or managed by those who provide services to the NHS under a contract would not be covered unless they operated from premises owned, managed or leased by a PCT, for example.

The Society believes that the remit of the proposed legislation should be expanded to include provision of NHS services by pharmacy contractors on registered premises.

Thank you for consulting the Society.

Yours sincerely,

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