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Dear Ms Farmer

Review of Medicines Act 1968: Informal consultation on issues relating to the product licences of right (PLR) regime and homeopathy


I refer to the MHRA's request for comments in relation to its *Informal consultation on issues relating to the product licences of right (PLR) regime and homeopathy*. The views of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh are as follows:

14. We agree with the transfer proposed.
15. We agree with no longer considering Bach flower remedies as medicines.
22. We consider this a key issue - patients need to have much clearer information about the degree of regulation applied so that they can make informed decisions.

This College is also very unhappy that there is not a clearer comment on homeopathic medicines to the effect that they have been 'licensed without any proof of efficacy' and suggest that this should be crystal clear. Most patients will read the proposed wording and consider that quality equals efficacy.

The College feels that a major opportunity to set homeopathic remedies in context should not be missed.

Yours sincerely



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