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Subject: Legal Proposal on Information to Patients

I would like to respond to this consultation on behalf of the Neonatal & Paediatric Pharmacists Group (NPPG) in the UK. We fully support the 3 main policy objectives set out in the consultation and proposals there after. Whilst not directly related to the proposals we would like to highlight the importance of certain issues especially in the paediatric population that are often poorly addressed. Excipients of medicines often have a profound effect on children (especially neonates) and thus should be fully displayed and made known to the general population. Also what is important to the public are the practical issues of medicines management such as how important are various side effects and what they should do (or not) if they occur etc - these issues are usually poorly covered in manufacturers information.

Many thanks

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