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PSNC's Response to the DH Consultation on Amendments to the Statutory Scheme to Control the prices of Branded Health Service Medicines

PSNC offers limited comments on the proposal as follows:

Question 3 - Should manufacturers and suppliers be required to record and keep information on actual selling prices of branded health service medicines in order to strengthen the Department's ability to enforce the scheme where necessary and support a fair and consistent application when necessary?

Yes, PSNC supports the principle that manufacturers and suppliers be required to record and keep information on actual selling prices of branded medicines. There are a number of means at present by which the pricing systems are being exploited to increase costs to the NHS and we remain concerned at the lack of action to address these. An example is the removal of products out of the voluntary or statutory pricing scheme for branded products by way of divestment².

Question 4 – Do you agree that manufacturers and suppliers already record this information?

We believe manufacturers and suppliers will already be recording this information as part of their normal business records.

Question 5 – Do you agree that manufacturers and suppliers should be required to supply this information on demand? If you have concerns regarding administrative burden, it would be helpful if you could provide a realistic level of costs for supplying the information.

We support this as part of activities to address the misuse of pricing systems.

About PSNC

PSNC promotes and supports the interests of all NHS community pharmacies in England. We are recognised by the Secretary of State for Health as the body that represents NHS pharmacy contractors. We work closely with Local Pharmaceutical Committees to support their role as the local NHS representative organisations.

Our goal is to develop the NHS community pharmacy service, and to enable community pharmacies to offer an increased range of high quality and fully funded services; services that meet the needs of local communities, provide good value for the NHS and deliver excellent health outcomes for patients.