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Dear Colleague,

**EXEMPTIONS UNDER THE HUMAN MEDICINES REGULATIONS 2012 TO
ENABLE HEALTH AND CARE PROFESSIONS COUNCIL (HCPC) REGISTERED
ORTHOPTISTS TO SELL AND SUPPLY CERTAIN PRESCRIPTION DRUGS**

The purpose of this letter is to raise awareness of an amendment to the Human Medicines Regulations 2012 (the Human Medicines (Amendment) Regulations 2016), which enables HCPC registered orthoptists to sell and supply certain prescription drugs which are listed in Regulation 16 of the amendment at <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/nisr/2016/407/regulation/16/made>

The sale or supply shall be only in the course of the orthoptist's professional practice. The full amendment can be found at <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/nisr/2016/407/contents/made>

Sale and supply of these drugs must comply with the legislation which clearly specifies those medicines which are subject to the exemption and the conditions attached. Orthoptists must be registered with the HCPC and annotations recorded against their name in the register signifying that they are qualified to sell or supply the medicines specified in the legislation.

Registration is subject to the completion of appropriate training and registration with the HCPC.

Individuals must ensure that the sale and supply of the drugs listed within this exception fall within their level of professional competence and in line with all legislative requirements.

I would be grateful if you could ensure this is cascaded for the attention of relevant staff within your organisation.

Yours sincerely,



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