



Response to MLX 301

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Thank you for giving the National Pharmaceutical Association (NPA) the opportunity to comment on consultation letter MLX 301 on proposals to extend the exemptions from restrictions on parenteral administration of medicines in an emergency.

The NPA represents the interests of community pharmacies. We have, in voluntary membership, around 11,000 community pharmacies, which comprises the majority of the 12,000 pharmacies in the UK, with the exception of the Boots chain. The NPA provides a representative voice for its members as well as a range of services to help them with both commercial and professional aspects of running their businesses.

The NPA welcomes the opportunity for other healthcare professionals, including pharmacists, to be allowed to administer smallpox vaccine or antidotes to organophosphate pesticides and nerve agents for the purpose of saving life in an emergency. However, there will need to be arrangements made for the safe and secure handling and disposal of syringes and needles by pharmacists and other healthcare staff who are not based in a medical practitioner's premises. In addition appropriate training will need to be made available.

The NPA supports these proposals.