



Response to MLX 302

**Response of the National Pharmaceutical Association to Consultation [MLX 302](#)**

Thank you for giving the National Pharmaceutical Association (NPA) the opportunity to comment on consultation letter MLX 302 on proposals to extend the range of prescription only medicines which paramedics can administer on their own initiative without the directions of a doctor.

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 paramedics to be allowed to administer amiodarone for emergency use in the treatment of tachyarrhythmias. We agree that paramedics should receive suitable training in the correct circumstances for use and administration of the medicines.

The NPA supports these proposals.