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Dear Mr Alderson

Further to your correspondence with Guy Parker, I have been asked to make some changes to the Draft Recommendation and to give you a final opportunity to respond to the Draft Recommendation. Please accept my apologies for any errors when presenting your comments in previous versions of the Draft Recommendation.

For your information, we have made the following changes:

1. We have now amended the challenge on point 8 to make clear the nature of the challenge on this point.
2. We have amended your response on issue 1, which hopefully is a more accurate representation of your comments.
3. We have amended your response on issue 2 to make clear that it was 70.7% of individuals in the study who reported a “decreased reliance on prescribed pharmaceutical medication....”.
4. We have amended your response on issue 7 to make clear the current spending on homeopathy on the NHS and the effect of increasing it “to reflect just 1% of the population.....”. I hope this is now an accurate reflection on your response on this point.
5. We have amended your response on issue 8 to include a summary of the comments you made in your original response to the challenge that opposition to homeopathy is based on propaganda.
6. We have made minor amendments to your responses to issue 10, 11 and 12 to make your comments on these points clear.

7. We have amended our assessment of issue 8 to respond to the points you have made about Sense About Science.

Please ensure you have made all the points that you want to make. We shall consider written comments on the factual accuracy of the draft if we receive them by 6 July. May we also recommend that you also provide us with your two A4 page letter to Council by this date, should you wish to submit one.

The complainants will also receive a copy of the draft recommendation today.

If we change the draft recommendation materially as a result of comments we receive, we shall tell you. If no material changes are needed, the draft recommendation will be forwarded to the Council for consideration along with your submission, should you wish to provide one.

We shall write to you again to tell you the Council's decision and the publication date for the final report. Please treat the draft recommendation as confidential until the final report is published.

Yours sincerely

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