

HOMEOPATHIC MEDICINES NO LONGER PRESCRIBABLE UNDER NHS

NHS Nottinghamshire County Primary Care Trust has made a directive to stop Homeopathic medicines being prescribed on a prescription. This decision was made by the prescribing committee without reference to the Faculty of Homeopathy who regulate Homeopathy in the UK or local providers. <http://www.facultyofhomeopathy.org/>

This decision came into force on 1st April 2011.

Homeopathy has been available where doctors are qualified since its beginning in 1948. I have been using Homeopathic medicines for the last 30 years and obtained the recognised qualification in 1987.

I feel it is a safe, cheap, efficacious and useful addition to the ordinary pharmaceutical medicines we use. This is particularly important where there is no ordinary alternative, or individuals are unable to take other medicines due to side effects or their medical conditions.

My homeopathic prescribing cost the practice under £3000 last year which is a fraction of a percent of our total prescribing budget. This partly due to the fact they ordinary medicines cost less than a prescription charge and can be bought over the counter. I wish to be able to prescribe to the elderly and children who don't pay for prescriptions.

I intend to challenge this move to limit the range of medicines available and hope you will support me.

If you support me please would you write to our MP Mark Spencer, The House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. or email him at mark.spencer.mp@parliament.uk

You can also contact the area pharmacy advisor Cathy Quinn Cathy.Quinn@nottspct.nhs.uk

Please would you forward copies of any correspondence to me?

Personal experiences hopefully favourable would be useful, particularly if it is for something you wouldn't have been able to have ordinary medicines for, and the health benefits of not having adverse side effects.

Together we can ensure this integrative medicine which considers people as unique individuals continues to be available under the NHS

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<http://www.britishhomeopathic.org/>