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*Dear Dr Karney*

Thank you for raising this matter with me. After consulting the Department of Health it appears that the availability of homeopathic treatment on prescription has not been altered.

Indeed Andrew Lansley has said that 'We believe in patients being able to make informed choices about their treatments, and in a clinician being able to make informed choices about their treatments. The local NHS and clinicians, rather than Whitehall, are best placed to make decisions on what treatment is appropriate for their patients – including complementary or alternative treatments such as homeopathy – and provide accordingly for those treatments.' Furthermore, as I understand it, spending on homeopathy within the NHS could now rise despite the Health Service spending changes.

On this basis I believe that there has been a misunderstanding at Nottinghamshire Primary Care Trust. In order to clarify the matter I have written to the PCT detailing Government policy and asking for an explanation as to their proposals. I am fully supportive of you, your colleagues and your patients in this matter and I will do my best to see it resolved.

I will write to you again once I have heard back from the PCT. Please feel free to contact me again about this or any other matter.

Yours sincerely

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*More news after  
Dr Karney meets the  
prescribing committee in July*