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Dr Owen Bowden-Jones
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Dear Owen,

**RE: FURTHER ADVICE ON INDEPENDENT PRESCRIBING OF CONTROLLED DRUGS
FROM A RESTRICTED LIST BY THERAPEUTIC RADIOGRAPHERS**

Firstly, I am very sorry for the delay in responding to you on this matter.

I am very grateful for the ACMD's advice on independent prescribing of controlled drugs from a restricted list by therapeutic radiographers dated 2 May 2018. I would like to thank the ACMD, especially its Technical Committee, for its careful consideration and final recommendations.

I have noted the points of discussion between the ACMD and NHS England during the Technical Committee meeting on 8 March 2018 and I am pleased to see that the ACMD's initial concerns have been considered and allayed.

As such, I accept the recommendation from the ACMD to amend the Misuse of Drugs Regulations 2001 to authorise therapeutic radiographers to independently prescribe six controlled drugs (Tramadol, Lorazepam, Diazepam, Morphine, Oxycodone and Codeine) to be administered by the specified method.

I have asked Home Office officials to commence the process for regulatory change which will implement this advice. However, as you will know, parliamentary time is currently at a premium, therefore officials will come back to you with a realistic timeline for implementation shortly.

My thanks again to the ACMD for its advice and patience and the valuable work it continues to do.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Victoria Atkins". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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