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Dear Les,

ACMD advice on tramadol

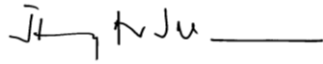
I am grateful for the Advisory Council's latest advice on tramadol. The ACMD's consideration of tramadol is most welcome in light of growing concerns around the misuse and harms of the drug, and of prescription medicines generally in the UK.

The Department of Health (DH) has policy responsibility for the recommendation on training and support for healthcare professionals who come into contact with those who misuse tramadol. You will have received Earl Howe's letter dated 9 May which provided responses to the specific recommendation for health policy. I have considered Earl Howe's response and the assurances provided by the DH in response to your recommendation in making my decision.

I accept the ACMD's advice in principle, subject to the outcome of a public consultation to assess the impact on the healthcare sector in particular if tramadol is listed in Schedule III to the Misuse of Drugs Regulations 2001. My officials will carry out a public consultation in the coming months, keeping you updated on their progress.

I will write to you again following the consultation to confirm my final decision.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeremy Browne', followed by a horizontal line.

Jeremy Browne MP
Minister of State