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Dear Les

In its report, the ACMD concluded that, on the “balance of benefits”, foil should be exempted from the misuse of drugs legislation, enabling drug treatment providers and others to supply foil to drug users lawfully.

As the Council is fully aware, this Government has a holistic drug strategy that aims to help addicts to achieve recovery free from dependence. I am working to ensure that we limit the numbers of people taking drugs in the first place; providing effective treatment to get individuals off drugs; and maximise the opportunities to achieve long-lasting recovery for individuals that will also be of benefit to families and communities.

Given these goals, I would be grateful if the Advisory Council could advise me what evidence there is that provision of foil would get people off drugs?

I thank the Advisory Council for its contribution to government policy, and in anticipation of its advice in this instance.

The Rt Hon Theresa May MP