

Consultation Response

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HCPC launches consultation on draft standards for the use of exemptions by orthoptists to sell, supply and administer medicines

Q1. Do you think the standards are set at the level necessary for safe and effective sale, supply and administration of medicines via exemptions?

Yes, the document is very well written and will be very welcome by everyone.

Q2. Do you think the standards relating to practice placements (D1-D11) are appropriate?

Yes

Q3. Do you think any additional standards are necessary?

No

Q4. Do you think there are any standards which should be reworded or removed?

No

Q5. Do you have any comments about the language used in the standards?

No

Q6. Do you have any other comments on the standards?

Is there a stated understanding that there is a duty of care to manage patients independently, unless referred to a doctor, once they are receiving exempted medications? For example, if they included glaucoma medications, would there be safeguards to ensure that all designated orthoptists would be trained and aware of how to follow up these patients independently? Are there plans as to how orthoptists will be designated?

