19.08.2019 Dear Colleague,

## CBD/CANNABIS/CANNABIDIOL/HEMP OILS

The Department of Health has issued guidance for contractors in respect of the sale of CBD oils and other related oils and products (see link below):

www.health-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/health/cbd-letter-150819.pdf

The guidance draws attention to the possibility of such sales contravening a range of statutory controls including those expressed within the Human Medicines Regulations 2012, the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971, the Misuse of Drugs (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2002 and Novel Foods legislation. Additionally, pharmacists are reminded of professional obligations mandated by the Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland.

Contractors are advised to read carefully the Departmental guidance and to take all appropriate steps to ensure that any such sales are in accordance with the law and with best practice.

Any queries should be directed, in the first instance, to Canice Ward, Head of Medicines Regulatory Group, Department of Health. (email: <u>canice.ward@health-ni.gov.uk</u>; telephone: 028 9052 3703).

Kind regards,

## SENT FOR AND BEHALF OF GERARD GREENE | Chief Executive

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