

Consultation - Options for the future regulation of low risk products

The therapeutic effect of homeopathy has been repeatedly demonstrated for over 200 years with scientific evidence to support this, including clinical outcome studies:

<http://facultyofhomeopathy.org/research/>

To ignore this evidence based on the scientific opinion that *it can't work so therefore it doesn't* - due to the as yet unexplained mechanism of action - is unscientific.

As a practicing community pharmacist I regularly use homeopathy - as well as conventional medicine - as a treatment option if appropriate, and have had some very good results.

Conventional medicine has saved countless lives, however - *unfortunately in the balance between benefits and risks, it is an uncomfortable truth that most drugs do not work in most patients.*

Fiona Godlee. Editor in Chief British Medical Journal. June 2013.

<http://www.bmj.com/content/346/bmj.f3666>

It is therefore imperative that we health professionals have the option of using whatever intervention we are competent in to improve the health and wellbeing of our patients.

I therefore strongly recommend that you go for option 1 – keep homeopathy regulated as it is.

Yours sincerely

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