

Dear Colleague

## Trading medicines For Human Use: Shortages and Supply Chain Obligations

We would like to draw your attention to guidance which can be found on the UK Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) website concerning the legal and ethical obligations on manufacturers, wholesalers and others in relation to the supply and trading of medicines.

We should be grateful if you would draw this guidance to the attention of pharmacy contractors, dispensing doctors and hospital pharmacists in your NHS Board area.

The guidance can be found at  
<http://www.mhra.gov.uk/NewsCentre/CON062782>

Yours sincerely

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