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Dear Owen and David,

The Government response to the ACMD advice on diphenidine and related substances.

I am grateful to the ACMD for their advice on diphenidine and its related substances. I have set out each recommendation and the Government's response below:

Recommendation 1:

The ACMD recommend the compounds diphenidine, ephenidine and methoxyphenidine (also known as methoxphenidine) should be added to Class B of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971, consistent with the classification of ketamine and other controlled dissociatives such as methoxetamine and PCP-related materials.

Government response

The Government accepts this recommendation and intends to bring forward legislation to implement it, subject to Parliamentary approval.

Recommendation 2:

As these materials have no medical use it is recommended that they should be placed in Schedule 1 of the Misuse of Drugs Regulations 2001 (as amended) and added to Schedule 1 of the Misuse of Drugs (Designation) (England, Wales and Scotland) Order 2015, to which section 7 (4) of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 applies.

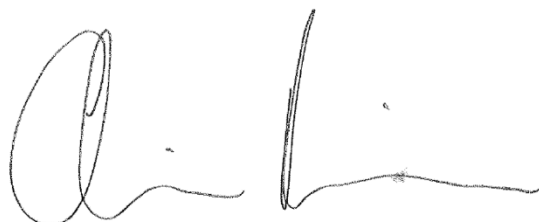
- *Diphenidine*
- *Ephenidine*
- *Methoxyphenidine (also known as methoxphenidine)*

Government response

The Government accepts this recommendation and intends to bring forward legislation to implement it, subject to Parliamentary approval.

Thank you again for your advice.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Philp', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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