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APPG meeting on the EU's Falsified Medicines Directive

May 13 2013: The APPG held a successful public meeting on the EU's Falsified Medicines Directive.

Kevin Barron, Chair of the Parliamentary All Party Pharmacy Group, has provided the following comment on the meeting:

"This week's public meeting on the EU's Falsified Medicines Directive was a useful one. It's encouraging that the EU has taken such a bold lead in addressing the issue of counterfeit medicines, but we will only benefit from the Directive if it is implemented effectively in the UK.

The 2017 implementation date may seem a long way off, but what was very clear from this week's meeting was that we only have a short window of time in which to get implementation right – this deadline is not one we can afford to allow the Government to sleepwalk toward. I'm disappointed that the MHRA was not able to send a representative to this week's meeting – they're absolutely central to this debate, and we will be inviting them to speak at a follow up meeting in the months ahead. Time is not yet running out – but it will soon start to. What's clear is that the MHRA urgently needs to enter into a real dialogue about implementation of the Falsified Medicines Directive with both pharmacy in the UK as well as with the European Commission. The All-Party Pharmacy Group will be keeping up the pressure on this issue, and will be asking Parliamentary Questions too – we'll be keeping a very close eye on the situation".

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About the APPG

The All-Party Pharmacy Group is a group of MPs and peers from across the political parties. Its focus is on issues affecting the profession of pharmacy.

The group receives financial support from the Company Chemists' Association, the National Pharmacy Association, the Pharmaceutical Services Negotiating Committee and the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain. The financial support funds the administrative assistance that the Group receives from Luther Pendragon.

Further information about the All-Party Pharmacy Group is available on the Group's website www.appg.org.uk