



The Royal College of **Pathologists**

Pathology: the science behind the cure

Response from the Royal College of Pathologists to Consultation ECR0188 Proposals for amendments to the Human Medicines Regulations 2012 to allow supply of AAls to schools

The Royal College of Pathologists' written submission

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1 About the Royal College of Pathologists

1.1 The Royal College of Pathologists (RCPATH) is a professional membership organisation with charitable status. It is committed to setting and maintaining professional standards and to promoting excellence in the teaching and practice of pathology. Pathology is the science at the heart of modern medicine and is involved in 70 per cent of all diagnoses made within the National Health Service. The College aims to advance the science and practice of pathology, to provide public education, to promote research in pathology and to disseminate the results. We have over 10,000 members across 19 specialties working in hospital laboratories, universities and industry worldwide to diagnose, treat and prevent illness.

1.2 The Royal College of Pathologists response reflects comments made by Fellows and members of the College during the consultation, which ran from 28th March 2017 until the 21st April 2017 and collated by Dr Rachael Liebmann, Registrar.

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2.1 The Fellows and members were fully supportive of the proposal to allow supply of AAls to schools and considered that this introduction was long overdue and would reduce the number of adrenaline pens which needed to be prescribed overall.

2.2 In addition the point was made that the main barrier would be misunderstanding and concern about the liability issues around good Samaritan administration and the DOH should provide a support/information pack to smooth implementation. The College hopes that this will be the case.