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Dear Mr Burnett

Thank you for your letter addressed to Lord Harris, dated 27 July 2018 and supporting information.

As you are aware, National Trading Standards (NTS) is not a public authority and as such is not legally bound by the Freedom of Information Act. However the NTS Board has agreed a policy whereby we will try to comply with the spirit of that legislation in all cases and this response has been drafted in accordance with that policy.

I am responding to your question “***Would you please supply us with details, dates and Minutes of all meetings you have held with ASA Ltd., BEIS, DoH or any other such bodies on the subject of homeopathy since July 2017.***”

I responded to a previous request in a letter sent to you dated 3<sup>rd</sup> August. This contained copies of emails between NTS and BEIS requesting a meeting to discuss the issue.

Since this previous letter to you, I can confirm that the only meeting to discuss homeopathy was held at BEIS on 11/9/2017. Representatives from ASA, NTS, Camden, BEIS and the Medicines Healthcare Regulatory Agency were present. The meeting was hosted by BEIS. I did not take nor have I been sent any notes of the meetings. However the purpose was to establish if BEIS were happy that NTS following

up any ASA referrals relating to homeopathy fell within the scope of our grant. Officials agreed to take it away and come back to us. There were no further meetings on this issue.

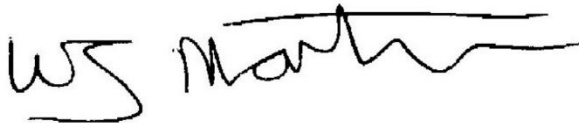
On 11 April 2018 we received a letter from the then BEIS Minister Andrew Griffiths which is attached. Clarification was then sought by email as his letter, which referred to health products.

An email was received from a BEIS official on 16 June 2018 stating "Thank you for your message seeking clarification of Andrew Griffiths' letter of 11 April to Lord Harris. I have checked the situation and I can confirm that the letter from Mr Griffiths to Lord Harris should be interpreted as applying to claims made about the services provided by health practitioners, as well as products".

There has been no further correspondence on this issue.

At this point in time we have no live referrals from the ASA in relation to homeopathy for action.

Yours sincerely,

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

Wendy Martin  
Director,