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Dear Responsible Pharmacists (Wholesale and Manufacturing Pharmacies),

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Due to extensive ongoing investigations, the Council has once again determined that there are pharmacies that are ordering large and excessive quantities of codeine containing products, and in particular codeine containing syrups typically sold in 100ml bottles. In light of our recent investigations the following products have been identified as having potential for abuse. These include but are not limited to Astrapain Syrup 100ml, Benylin with Codeine 100ml, Broncleer with Codeine 100ml, Lenazine Forte Syrup 100ml, Phenorant & Codeine Syrup 100ml and Stilpane Syrup 100ml. Further concerns about other higher scheduled habit-forming products such as Alprazolam have also been noted in the investigation

Responsible Pharmacists are reminded to be vigilant and responsible in terms of identifying abnormal or large orders placed for these products or any other products that can potentially be abused or misused, and should refuse to supply such orders. Responsible Pharmacists that are found to be supplying large/abnormal quantities of ANY such products can and will face disciplinary charges and such pharmacies can be considered for the removal of the registration/recording of the pharmacy.

Yours sincerely,

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