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Dear Responsible Pharmacists (Community and Institutional 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.

Council would like to remind you that in terms of "Ethical Rule" 23, Responsible Pharmacists of pharmacies that are found to be ordering large quantities of ANY products where the sale or the promotion of such products can lead to the potential abuse or misuse of the medicines will lead to disciplinary charges and such pharmacies can be considered for the removal of the registration/recording of the pharmacy.

Yours sincerely,

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