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Seroxat Petition

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Dear Mr Hosie MP for Dundee East,

Thank you for your letter of correspondence dated 15th November 2006 and the enclosed correspondence you have had from the Clerk of Public Petitions related to the Seroxat Petition that you tabled in June 2006. As you previously mentioned the Westminster Parliament have to act upon the petition, has there been any date set regarding the Health Select Committee taking matters discussed in the petition into account and placing a moratorium on the prescribing of Seroxat? Unquestionably adults suffering from depression, and or anxiety are still being prescribed an antidepressant known to be defective by the UK Government. Why is Seroxat still being prescribed to adult patients (inclusive of young adults aged 18 years and above, and children at a GP's discretion) when there have been fatalities resulting from the drug, individuals having committed suicide/homicide as a consequence of being prescribed a defective medication?

You mention in your aforementioned letter that and I quote, "***I will raise the issue of the apparent failure of the MHRA to carry out a review of 'all of the available Paroxetine (Seroxat data)'***". It is not an apparent failure, the MHRA carefully orchestrated the Committee on Safety of Medicines Expert Working Group Review of SSRI antidepressants, even going so far as the premeditated deception of the members of that critical safety review by not providing Paroxetine suicide data during that safety review. As a consequence the final report of that CSM EWG safety review is not worth the paper it is written on, patients lives hang in the balance, or in my case and many others 'our' physical and mental health have arguably perhaps forever been permanently damaged by a drug professed to be safe and effective but which is not so because the Government drug regulator the MHRA knowingly licensed a defective drug.

I would be obliged if you would bring our concerns to the government regarding the MHRA, and in particular the recommendation that they should not be as close to the pharmaceutical industry. Please do also ask the government to explain why they continue to allow the MHRA to be funded by industry rather than from general taxation. Clearly by allowing the MHRA to be funded 100% by the pharmaceutical industry the government have allowed the system of drug regulation to become corrupt!

Please read the following excerpt from a transcript of the Health Select Committee Investigation of the Pharmaceutical Industry Influence where Dr Ian Hudson Director of Licensing for the MHRA had been called to give evidence but failed to appear:

Q783: John Austin – I also note that we do not have Dr Ian Hudson with us this morning, although he was listed as one of the witnesses. Is there any reason why not?

Professor Sir Alasdair Breckenridge: Yes, Dr Hudson is one of our delegates at the CHMP, the Committee on Human Medical Products at the EMEA and he is there today. He is fulfilling a different role for the agency down there.

As previously mentioned in my letter of correspondence to you dated 23rd October 2006 I made you aware that Charles Medawar of Social Audit Ltd had received an email from the MHRA as part of an FOIA (2000) request detailing that, and I quote, ***“The case narratives themselves were not supplied to the SSRI Expert Working Group but were supplied to the European scientific advisory committee, the committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use (CHMP)”***. The suicide case narratives of Paroxetine (Seroxat) **were not** provided to the Committee on Safety of Medicines Expert Working Group Safety Review of SSRI antidepressants, **but were** provided to the CHMP where Dr Ian Hudson presides. Dr Ian Hudson would have been aware of those suicides from his previous employment with GlaxoSmithKline (then SmithKline Beecham) after all his role then was one of Director of World Safety and who notably admits to holding significant interest in Seroxat until 2001, despite joining the MHRA in 2000.

Clearly Dr Hudson was replaced by MHRA Chairman Professor Sir Alasdair Breckenridge because as a witness Dr Ian Hudson was aware of the Seroxat suicides/homicide narratives and the MHRA would not want that information to come out during the Health Select Committee Investigation of the Pharmaceutical Industry Influence. Would not want that information to come out because both Chairman and Director of Licensing are previous GlaxoSmithKline employees! Dr Ian Hudson previously gave evidence during the trial of GlaxoSmithKline where American Mr Don Schell, a loving father/grandfather and husband shot to death three generations of his family (including his 9 month old baby granddaughter) following consuming just 2 tablets of Seroxat/Paxil, before killing himself and his family. The jury found GlaxoSmithKline 80% to blame, awarding the remaining family \$6 Million American Dollars in compensation based on Welsh Psychiatrist and Seroxat expert Dr David Healy's testimony, who it must be noted was also an expert witness during the Health Select Committee Investigation of the Pharmaceutical Industry Influence.

Seroxat must be removed from prescription before there are any further fatalities, or damage to the physical and mental health of the millions of Seroxat patients who are already prescribed that deadly antidepressant medication.

I look forward to receiving correspondence from your constituency office in due course detailing that you have dealt with the matters discussed in this letter.

Yours Sincerely,

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