

Statement

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Health and Social Care Select Committee's report on medicines, devices and substances of human origin

The Academy of Medical Royal Colleges welcomes the report from the House of Commons of the Health and Social Care Select Committee's *report on medicines, devices and substances of human origin [21st March 2018]* which urges Government to seek to secure the closest possible regulatory alignment with the EU for medicines and devices in the Brexit negotiations

Responding to the publication, Professor Alan Boyd, President of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Medicine, who leads the Academy's work on Brexit and medicines regulation said, *'Everyone who participated in this Inquiry from their comments, or at the hearings, gave the same message that the UK, through the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency, should have a continued relationship with the European Medicines Agency [EMA]. Today's report from the Health and Social Care Committee also delivers the same message to Government; that both the UK and the EU-27 should be looking to secure this continued relationship. This is in the best interest of patients across the whole of Europe and politics should not get in the way of achieving this outcome'*

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