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Dear Alan

**Re: Distribution of Mephedrone in West Yorkshire**

I am writing to you regarding my concerns over the distribution of mephedrone in West Yorkshire. Please find enclosed an advertisement from an online company which ships mephedrone in bulk amounts to Wakefield and other cities. I have also enclosed a copy of a leaflet which is being delivered to students in Leeds offering bulk orders of 100 grams or more of mephedrone.

As you are aware, it is illegal to distribute mephedrone for human consumption under the Medicines Act. However these companies and many others are circumventing this law by advertising mephedrone as a "plant food" or "research chemical" that is "not for human consumption", even though it is clear from the targeting of students and the selling in bulk amounts that the only intention is for this drug to be used for recreational purposes.

Given that at least three deaths in the UK have already been linked to this substance, I have deep concerns that it will only be a matter of time before there are further fatalities unless action is taken.

I understand that the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs are due to issue a report on mephedrone at some point in March. I would be grateful if you could inform me when this report will be released and what steps are likely to be taken to prevent mephedrone being distributed in our cities.

I look forward to hearing from you regarding this matter.

Yours sincerely

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