Bord Altranais agus Cnáimhseachais na hÉireann

Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland

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Department of Health:

Consultation on Transposition of EU Directive 2011/62/EU on Falsified Medicinal Products

Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland Submission

Bord Altranais agus Cnáimhseachais na hÉireann (the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland (NMBI)) is the statutory body which provides for the registration, control and education of nurses and midwives and for other matters relating to the professions and the practice of nursing and midwifery. The *Nurses and Midwives Act of 2011* states that the object of the Board "shall be the protection of the public in its dealings with nurses and midwives and the integrity of the practice of nursing and midwifery through the promotion of high standards of professional education, training, and practice and professional conduct among nurses and midwives".

NMBI welcomes the public consultation being conducted by the Department of the Health to inform the Department's work in transposing the EU Falsified Medicines Directive 2011/62/EU. The draft regulations amending the Medicinal Products (Control of Placing on the Market) (Amendment): Medicinal Products (Control of Manufacture) (Amendment) and the Medicinal Products (Control of Wholesale Distribution) (Amendment) seem to provide the Irish system with a strong basis of protection against counterfeit medications entering the supply network. The safeguard measures outlined in these amendment regulations should help to maintain safe standards of medication management practices from the initial point of manufacturing through to the supply and dispensing of medicinal products for use by a person.

In carrying out its regulatory functions in the interest of the public, NMBI is committed to working with the Department of Health and other stakeholders to ensure registered nurses and registered midwives are informed of these important safety regulations in the context of their professional practice.

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