



The medicines maze
BALANCING RISKS AND BENEFITS

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The Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain is delighted to announce that Benjamin Bradshaw, Minister of State for Health Services, will be addressing delegates on behalf of the Department of Health (DH) at the 2007 British Pharmaceutical Conference (BPC). Mr Bradshaw's portfolio of responsibilities includes professional regulation – an area of great change for healthcare and of real impact for pharmacists.

Mr Bradshaw is speaking in place of the new Health Minister responsible for pharmacy, Dawn Primarolo, who is unable to attend owing to prior obligations. Delegates will be addressed by Mr Bradshaw on the opening day, 10 September, from 1.30pm – 2pm in the main auditorium.

President of the Society, Hemant Patel, said: "We are delighted that Mr Bradshaw will be attending BPC 2007 on behalf of Ms Primarolo and I look forward to welcoming him to the event. These are important times for the profession and the Society. Delegates will be interested to hear what the Minister has to say on key areas of his responsibilities including regulation and information technology."

It is not too late to book attendance at BPC 2007. Visit www.bpc2007.org to reserve your place online or contact Angela Lyons at Healthlinks via alyons@health-links.co.uk.

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Notes to editors:

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