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Dear Jonathan,

Thank you for providing the Food Standards Agency (FSA) with the opportunity to respond to your Prevention of Future Deaths Report, concerning the death of Mr. David Mitchener.

I would like to offer both my own and the FSA's sincere condolences to the family of Mr. Mitchener, following his death in May 2023.

The FSA works to protect public health and consumers' wider interests in relation to food in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. The FSA has a key role as the central competent authority in overseeing official feed and food controls undertaken by local authorities. We seek to work in partnership with local authorities to help them to deliver official food and feed controls, to ensure that this activity is effective, risk based, proportionate and consistent.

The composition and labelling of supplements is devolved and policy advice to Ministers on it rests with a number of different bodies which includes the Department for Health and Social Care (DHSC) in England, Welsh Government, the FSA in Wales and Northern Ireland, and with Food Standards Scotland in Scotland. As your report is in

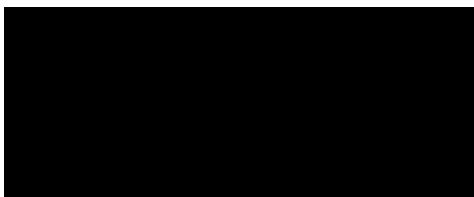
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relation to England, we understand that DHSC is providing a response in respect to their policy. Powers to amend the key legislation in this area sits with Ministers in the respective nations. Co-ordination of policy takes place through a number of groups including the Food Supplements Working Group, which the FSA chairs.

It is a requirement under existing rules for food supplement labels to include the recommended dose and a warning not to exceed that dose. Enforcement of these regulations is by Local Authorities (local authority Environmental Health and Trading Standards departments). However, current food supplements rules do not require specific risks and side effects to be written on the label.

The FSA will raise your report at the next cross-government Food Supplements Working Group, which will take place in April, and we will ensure full consideration will be given to the matters of concern you have highlighted. We intend to contact the relevant local authorities to ascertain whether the product is in compliance with food supplements requirements. We would be grateful if you could share any product details or packaging that you have, which will inform and aid our interactions with the relevant local authorities.

Yours sincerely,



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