

## **SUMMARY OF THE PSYCHIATRY & OLD AGE PSYCHIATRY EXPERT ADVISORY GROUP MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> MAY 2007**

*The Psychiatry & Old Age Psychiatry Expert Advisory Group meets regularly to discuss and give independent advice on medicines for use in psychiatric conditions. The Group's advice informs measures that are directed at ensuring medicines are prescribed and used safely, and can also be taken forward for discussion at the UK Commission on Human Medicines (of which the Psychiatry & Old Age Psychiatry Expert Advisory Group is part) or in Europe through the Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use.*

*Information that could identify the companies and the names of the products is being withheld on the grounds that this advice remains confidential at the date of this summary and publication would be premature while regulatory action continues. The advice will be published in due course. Section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 applies.*

### **Remit**

Members noted the EAG's remit which is:

To advise the Commission on Human Medicines on the safety and efficacy of medicines for use in psychiatric conditions.

**Variations** (*any change to the information registered in a marketing authorisation (MA) is referred to as a variation to the MA. MA holders must apply to the Licensing authority for approval of such changes. Variations may range from the addition of a significant new indication to changes in the manufacturing process or straightforward changes in company names*).

The EAG considered and advised the two variations for the following indications:

- An atypical antipsychotic agent for the short term treatment of depression in bipolar disorder.
- A drug for the treatment of anxiety and insomnia.

### **Other items**

The EAG advised on the use of a drug for the treatment of behavioural disturbances in individuals (children, adolescents and adults) with mental retardation and in patients with autism.

## **Procedural Items**

- i. In addition, the Group completed usual procedural business including the need to observe the confidentiality of the meeting, and to declare interests, apologies and announcements. At this first meeting, the Group were given an induction, and noted the rules governing proceeding and the quorum.
- ii. A list of Members who attended the meeting is at **Annex A**.
- iii. Medicines Healthcare products Regulatory Agency staff may be present for all or part of the meetings or for specific items.
- iv. The meeting started at 10.30am and finished at 1.05pm.

The next meeting of the Psychiatry & Old Age Psychiatry Expert Advisory Group is to be advised.

## **Useful website links**

### ***MHRA Website:***

[http://www.mhra.gov.uk/home/idcplg?IdcService=SS\\_GET\\_PAGE&nodeId=5](http://www.mhra.gov.uk/home/idcplg?IdcService=SS_GET_PAGE&nodeId=5)

### ***Member's declaration of interests:***

[http://www.mhra.gov.uk/home/idcplg?IdcService=SS\\_GET\\_PAGE&nodeId=433&within=Yes&keywords=member%27s+declaration+of+interests](http://www.mhra.gov.uk/home/idcplg?IdcService=SS_GET_PAGE&nodeId=433&within=Yes&keywords=member%27s+declaration+of+interests)

**ATTENDING MEMBERS OF THE PSYCHIATRY & OLD AGE  
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