

The politics of the dandelion – hysteria over a weed!



The new directive from bureaucrats in Europe (Traditional Herbal Medicinal Products Directive) if implemented would make herbal products, (like capsules of powdered dandelion) illegal – except if produced under licence at a cost of £50,000 to £100,000 for each product. This could deprive us of our right to choose safe, natural healthcare and common herbs to maintain our health. Many products could be priced out of reach of ordinary people. The UK government does not need to implement this draconian directive.

So, let's ask ourselves: What harm has traditional herbal medicine done? Is the new directive on herbal medicine products in proportion with the risk posed?

The answer is virtually none! And no, it is way out of proportion!



The practice of traditional herbal medicine, since Henry VIII's Herbalist Charter in 1542 (see <http://www.saveourherbs.org.uk/History.html>), has been one of the safest and most trusted forms of health care.

After the tragedy of Thalidomide (a pharmaceutical drug which caused major birth defects, see: <http://www.thalidomideuk.com/>) the UK Government brought into effect the Medicines Act 1968. The Act protected patients (to some extent) from major toxic effects of industrially produced drugs. Due to massive public campaign and in keeping with common law and the Herbalists Charter it safeguarded the availability of traditional herbal medicine products and the practice of traditional medical herbalism.

It is this protection in law, unique to the UK, which has allowed us freedom of choice in healthcare. It has also allowed a diversity of traditions, such as Chinese, Indian, Greeco-Arabic and Western herbal medicine to flourish in this country. As a result people travel from all over the world to be trained in or consult with physicians of these different traditions here. The UK also has many small companies that innovate and produce traditional herbal remedies. It provides not only relief to the sick but opportunities for jobs and freedom of choice.

We at Mohsin Clinic of Natural Medicine, established in 1978, wish to continue to serve people who exercise their right to choose alternative health care. We don't want to see people's use of safe, effective, natural medicine criminalised or regulated to destruction.

If you wish to protect your freedom of choice then you can do several things:

Continue to use our services and products

Sign this petition (link to <http://www.gopetition.com/petitions/support-herbal-medicine/sign.html>)

Write to your MP (link to <http://www.writetothem.com/>)

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