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**PAGB response to concerns over children's paracetamol medication**

John Smith, PAGB Chief Executive comments: "Paracetamol oral suspension is an effective treatment that has been used for generations to relieve the discomfort caused by pain, sore throats and fever.

"Paracetamol oral suspension medicines have a good safety profile. No parent wants to see their child in pain or discomfort, and these medicines can play an important role in helping to make children feel more comfortable. Parents who use paracetamol oral suspension to relieve the symptoms of pain and fever in their children should not be concerned by these reports, but should always follow the use and dosage instructions on the pack and in the patient information leaflet.

"Paracetamol has been on the market for more than 50 years and is an appropriately safe and effective treatment for mild to moderate short-term pain relief, if used in accordance with the clear on-pack instructions and the patient information leaflet inside.

"Anyone who is concerned about the use of paracetamol should speak to their pharmacist in the first instance. Pharmacists are highly trained healthcare professionals and can provide useful information and advice on over-the-counter medicines and treatments suitable for children."

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**Notes to editors:**

PAGB (Proprietary Association of Great Britain) is the UK trade association representing manufacturers of branded over-the-counter medicines, self care medical devices and food supplements.

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