



The Consumer Healthcare Association

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## **PAGB welcomes ‘key worker’ status for medicines supply staff**

People involved in the production and distribution of medicines are among ‘key workers’ who are ‘critical to the Coronavirus response’ and whose children will qualify for ongoing school care, the Government has confirmed.

John Smith, Chief Executive of PAGB, said: “Along with so many others, our members are doing whatever they can to help communities cope with this pandemic and its extraordinary global impact.

“We welcome the Government’s decision to include producers and distributors of medicines in the ‘key worker’ category, which will bolster efforts to maintain the supply of over-the-counter medicines that are so important to so many at this time.”

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### **Notes to editors:**

PAGB, the consumer healthcare association, represents the manufacturers of branded OTC medicines, self care medical devices and food supplements in the UK.

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