

## Faculty of Pharmaceutical Medicine comment on the Government response to the Accelerated Access Review

03.11.17

### **For immediate release**

The Faculty of Pharmaceutical Medicine (FPM) today welcomes the endorsement by the Government of the Accelerated Access Review. The review was undertaken with the aim of making the UK “the fastest place in the world for the design, development and widespread adoption of medical innovations and stimulate new investment, jobs and economic growth to support the NHS.” The FPM believes that the implementation of the report will not only benefit UK patients, but also increase global access to breakthrough products.

The Government has proposed that a new Accelerated Access Pathway be established that will, from April 2018, allow for selected medical technologies and treatments, to begin a process that could make them available up to four years earlier. The former CEO of GlaxoSmithKline, Sir Andrew Witty, will lead the body that makes decisions on which products should be granted access to the pathway. The Accelerated Access Collaborative will draw on advice from patients, clinicians and industry.

Professor Alan Boyd, President of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Medicine, said:

*“We welcome today’s announcement and the commitment by the Government to speeding up access to the most innovative medicines and treatments. This will ensure that the UK remains at the forefront of medical progress and that patients in the NHS benefit from better treatments sooner.*

*With the oncoming impact of Brexit, it is particularly important that the life sciences industry in the UK maintains its reputation as a global centre for pioneering medical R&D. The implementation of the Accelerated Access Pathway as a new route for breakthrough products will help achieve this and maximise the benefits to patients, both in the UK and globally, in the future.”*

### **Ends**

#### Notes for Editors

Please contact:  
[fpm@fpm.org.uk](mailto:fpm@fpm.org.uk)  
020 3696 9040

#### About the FPM

Website: [www.fpm.org.uk](http://www.fpm.org.uk)

The Faculty of Pharmaceutical Medicine is a professional membership organisation and standard-setting body, with 1,500 members who are practising or retired pharmaceutical physicians or those with a professional interest in the speciality. The Faculty is a registered charity and therefore ultimately exists for the benefit of patients and the public. Charity number 1130573.

The Faculty’s mission is to advance the science and practice of pharmaceutical medicine by working to develop and maintain competence, ethics and integrity and the highest professional standards in the specialty for the benefit of the public. The Faculty seeks to bring about an improvement in the health of the public.

Pharmaceutical physicians are registered doctors who work in the development, provision and regulation of medicines. At the heart of the discipline are the clinical trials that ensure the efficacy and safety of new medicines for use in humans and the continuing evaluation of benefit-risk in the use of medicines.