

HOMEOPATHY – Worked for me

First of all, we want to thank everyone who was involved in the mass lobby of Parliament and who helped gather the signatures to the declaration.

LOBBY

250 people turned up outside Parliament, many of them over an hour before the lobby was due to start. They included patients and homeopaths from as far afield as Scotland, Worcestershire, Norfolk and Devon, and representing the worldwide spread of homeopathy, including the U.S.A., Japan, India and Ghana as well as Britain. The age range was enormous too, with a baby not yet one year old, who has never had any treatment but homeopathy, right up to a 96-year-old, who has also never had any treatment but homeopathy. Even animals were represented by Frankie, a dog who has been treated homeopathically for a T-cell lymphoma.

Members of the main registers of homeopaths were at the lobby, as were the Friends of the Royal London Homeopathic Hospital. At the same time many local groups of homeopaths and many homeopathy colleges were represented. We also saw wider support from the CAM community with the Alliance for Natural Health and the Complementary Medical Association backing it. The full list of supporters appears at the end of this newsletter.

DECLARATION

The declaration was handed in to No. 10 Downing Street, with the final number of signatures having to be altered by hand to take into account over 250 late arrivals.

The grand total of the signatures handed in was: 28,112.

At the time of writing this, there are another 450 which have arrived since the final count, and we shall send those in too.

LETTER TO THE PRIME MINISTER

The letter from H:MC21 handed in with the declaration was altered to take into account the report of the Commons Science and Technology Committee, and it ended with the following demands:

“We urge the government

- To reject the report of the Commons Science and Technology Committee on the grounds that it is profoundly flawed and shows strong evidence of prejudice.
- To provide a substantial re-directing of NHS research funding, so that the use of homeopathy in the NHS can be properly assessed as regards both its clinical and cost effectiveness.

- To instruct Primary Care Trusts that homeopathy forms part of the NHS provision of healthcare, and that it should not be a victim of cuts simply because decision-makers are not qualified to judge its principles and practice.

We ask your government to recognise that this declaration is the voice of nearly 28,000 people who represent some 10% of the electorate. It is a call to the government to listen not to those who have abused their access to the media, but to those who have experience of successful treatment with homeopathy, those who proudly declare: Homeopathy Works for Me!”

The full text can be read at: <http://www.hmc21.org/#/declaration-letter/4538729151>

PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE LOBBY

Photos of the declaration being handed in are also on the website at:

<http://www.hmc21.org/#/lobby-photos/4539216961>

If you have any photos of the lobby, then please send them to: info@hmc21.org

WHAT NEXT?

We still need to follow up the lobby. David Tredinnick MP has tabled an Early Day Motion about the Committee’s report, and supporters are urged to get their MPs to sign it. Here is the link to EDM 908

<http://edmi.parliament.uk/EDMi/EDMDetails.aspx?EDMID=40517>. He also already raised the issue in the House of Commons yesterday

<http://www.theyworkforyou.com/debate/?id=2010-02-25a.462.0>

Those who did not make it to the lobby should still contact their MPs with the Briefing Notes and H:MC21’s Critique of the Committee’s report.

Information about all these are available at:

<http://www.hmc21.org/#/lobby/4538463976>

SUPPORTERS

The full list of 35 organisations and others who supported the lobby is below:

Abha Light Foundation, Kenya
Allen College of Homeopathy
Alliance for Natural Health
Alliance of Registered Homeopaths
The Centre for Homeopathic Education
College of Practical Homeopathy
The Complementary Medical Association
Contemporary College of Homeopathy
Dr. Reckeweg (UK) Ltd
Friends of the Royal London Homoeopathic Hospital
Hahnemann College of Homeopathy

Helios Pharmacy
Helos Centre
Hemmt Health Care Laboratories
Homeopathy Action Trust
Homeopathy College (Birmingham)
Homeopathic College of East Anglia
Homeopathic Medical Association
Homoeopathy for All
Homeopathy Heals
The Japan Royal Academy of Homoeopathy
Kent Homeopathic Associates
Lakeland College
Patients and Friends of Anthroposophic Medicine
Phoenix Talks
Pinnacle Seminars
Salisbury Homeopathy College School of Homeopathy
The Society of Homeopaths
South Downs School of Homoeopathy
South West Homeopathic Group
South West London Homeopaths (Swelhoms)
West London Homeopaths
Yorkshire Centre of Classical Homeopathy

Jenny Seagrove (actress)

Sarah Stacey (Health Editor Mail On Sunday YOU magazine)