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Following is a small selection of positive references, decisions and directives from various bodies like the World Health Organisation (WHO), the European Parliament, the Council of Europe, the European Union, the USA, the UK and some Others from 1975 to 2017.

WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION (WHO)

WHO: World Health Forum, Round Table: Homeopathy Today, Homeopathy: a therapy for the future? by George Vithoukas Vol 4 No 2, p.99 (1983)

“Whatever the mechanism may be, homoeopathy works. That it can be extremely effective, even in conditions that respond poorly to orthodox medicine, is amply documented and not seriously open to doubt.”

http://www.vithoukas.com/sites/default/files/WORLD_HEALTH_FORUM_WHO_GV.pdf

WHO: Health by the People, ed. Kenneth W. Newell, Director, Division of Strengthening of Health Services, World Health Organization, Geneva, Switzerland (1975)

“The Committee expressed the view that, as all different systems Ayurveda, Unani, modern scientific medicine, homeopathy, etc. - have the prime objectives of maintaining health and preventing and curing disease, they should all be properly investigated for the benefit of humanity and integrated into a single health care system.”

http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/10665/40514/1/9241560428_eng.pdf?ua=1

WHO: Bulletin - Policy and Practice - Integrating Homoeopathy in Health Systems, B. Poitevin (1999)

“The development of research and evaluation structures, combined with a critical education in the discipline, would help to improve practices and define homoeopathy's potential role in

relation to the other therapies, both conventional and unconventional, used in Western health systems.”

[http://www.who.int/bulletin/archives/77\(2\)160.pdf](http://www.who.int/bulletin/archives/77(2)160.pdf)

WHO: Alternative medicine and the medical profession: View of medical students and general practitioners, EMHJ Eastern Mediterranean Health Journal, 6 (1), 25-33 (2000)

“... more GPs than students considered herbal medicine, acupuncture and homeopathy to be effective...”

http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/10665/118830/1/emhj_2000_6_1_25_33.pdf

WHO: Legal Status of Traditional Medicine and Complementary/Alternative Medicine: A Worldwide Review (2001)

In homeopathy, diseases are treated with remedies that in a healthy person would produce symptoms similar to those of the disease. Rather than fighting the disease directly, medicines are intended to stimulate the body to fight the disease. By the latter half of the 19th century, homeopathy was practised throughout Europe as well as in Asia and North America. Homeopathy has been integrated into the national health care systems of many countries, including India, Mexico, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and the United Kingdom.

<http://apps.who.int/medicinedocs/pdf/h2943e/h2943e.pdf>

WHO: Legal Status of Traditional Medicine and Complementary/Alternative Medicine: A Worldwide Review, Annex I The European Union, Directives on Homeopathic Products (2001)

“The first phase of European Union legislative harmonization in homeopathy was the adoption of two European Directives that came into force on 1 January 1994 (282) — one on homeopathic products for humans and one on homeopathic veterinary products. These Directives ensure a single European Market for homeopathic products and outline provisions regulating their manufacture, inspection, marketing, and labelling. They also establish a simplified registration procedure for medications containing less than one part per 10 000 of undiluted tincture or less than 1/100th of the smallest dose used in allopathic medicine (281).” p187

<http://apps.who.int/medicinedocs/en/d/Jh2943e/11.2.html>

WHO: Traditional Medicine Strategy 2002-2005 (2002)

“The WHO Traditional Medicines Strategy 2002–2005 reviews the status of TM/CAM globally, and outlines WHO’s own role and activities in TM/CAM. But more importantly it provides a framework for action for WHO and its partners, aimed at enabling TM/CAM to

play a far greater role in reducing excess mortality and morbidity, especially among impoverished populations.”

http://www.wpro.who.int/health_technology/book_who_traditional_medicine_strategy_2002_2005.pdf

WHO: Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean, The WHO Strategy for Traditional Medicine: Review of the Global Situation and Strategy Implementation in the Eastern Mediterranean Region (2002)

“During the past 20 years, interest in complementary/alternative medicine has increased. Seventy per cent of the public is in favour of complementary/alternative medicine particularly osteopathy, acupuncture, chiropractic, and homeopathy becoming widely available in the National Health Service (NHS) in the United Kingdom.”

http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/10665/122025/1/em_rc49_13_en.pdf?ua=1

WHO: Centre for Health Development, Ageing and Health, Technical Report, Volume 5 A Glossary of Terms for Community Health Care and Services for Older Persons (2004)

“homeopathy - A system of medicine based on the theory that a disease should be combated by giving drugs which would produce symptoms of the disease in an otherwise healthy individual.”

http://www.who.int/kobe_centre/ageing/ahp_vol5_glossary.pdf?ua=1

WHO: Lesotho National ART Guidelines (2004)

“12.9 Alternative therapies - Alternative therapies such as acupuncture, massage, homeopathy, ayurvedic medicine and traditional healing etc. may be of some benefit, but their value has yet to be proven in HIV/AIDS care. They can be considered as supportive therapy and should not be discouraged in patients with strong beliefs in such therapy. Further research will help to understand the relative benefit of each of these therapies.”

http://www.who.int/hiv/pub/guidelines/lesotho_art.pdf?ua=1

WHO: Health Development in the South-East Asia Region: An Overview, Edited by Dr Uton Mughtar Rafei (2004)

“Recently, some countries have conducted systematic clinical research on various systems of traditional medicine. In India, research on TRM has identified several diseases where ayurvedic, unani and homeopathic medicines may have potential either as stand alone or in combination with other treatments.” p.31

<http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/10665/205213/1/B0107.pdf?ua=1>

WHO: Global Atlas of Traditional, Complementary and Alternative Medicine, Map Volume (2005)

See D.8. p53, and Figure E.1.4. p.63: Homeopathic medicine is the most popular Traditional, Complementary and Alternative Medicine (TCAM) in countries with a GDP > \$15,000, and the second most (after Herbal) in countries with GDP < \$15,000

http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/10665/43108/1/9241562862_map.pdf?ua=1

WHO: Economy and Health – Taking Sri Lanka towards the global best, Draft Commission Report, National Commission on Macroeconomics and Health (2005)

“Develop indigenous systems of medicines and homeopathy.”

http://www.who.int/macrohealth/action/sri_lanka_report.pdf?ua=1

WHO: IASC Guidelines on Mental Health and Psychosocial Support in Emergency Settings, Action Sheet 6.4, Learn about and, where appropriate, collaborate with local, indigenous and traditional healing systems, p.136 (2007)

“In Western societies, many people use complementary medicines, including unorthodox psychotherapies and other treatments (e.g. acupuncture, homeopathy, faith-based healing, self-medication of all kinds) in spite of a very weak scientific evidence base. [...] Such help may be cheaper, more accessible, more socially acceptable and less stigmatising and, in some cases, may be potentially effective. It often uses models of causation that are locally understood.”

http://www.who.int/mental_health/emergencies/guidelines_iasc_mental_health_psychosocial_june_2007.pdf?ua=1

WHO: 11 Health Questions about the 11 SEAR Countries, 4. India (2007)

“Alternative systems such as Ayurveda and Homeopathy are being encouraged.” p91

“Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy (AYUSH) systems are encouraged and run parallel. Many PHCs have one doctor of one of these systems, in addition to an allopath doctor.” p95

<http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/10665/204719/1/B0624.pdf?ua=1>

WHO: Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar, Zanzibar Traditional and Alternative Medicine Policy (2008)

“The integration of Traditional and Alternative medicines into national health care system has the potential to supplement, strengthen and promote better health care for all, in line with the national vision. [...] Examples of alternative medical systems that have developed in Western cultures include homeopathic medicine and naturopathic medicine. [...] Homeopathic medicine: This is an alternative medical system. In homeopathic medicine, there is a belief

that “like cures like,” meaning that small, highly diluted quantities of medicinal substances are given to cure symptoms, when the same substances given at higher or more concentrated doses would actually cause those symptoms.”

http://www.who.int/medicines/areas/coordination/zanzibar_traditional_medicine_policy.pdf?ua=1

WHO: Atlas multiple sclerosis resources in the world 2008, 7 Drugs and Treatment, Salient Findings, p.30 (2008)

“The five most prevalent alternative or complementary approaches used in more than 50% of the countries that responded are diet and nutrition (88.3%), acupuncture (86.7%), herbal medicine (81.7%), massage (78.3%) and homeopathy (73.3%).”

http://www.who.int/mental_health/neurology/Atlas_MS_WEB.pdf?ua=1

WHO: Bulletin - Indian approaches to retaining skilled health workers in rural areas (2009)

“... Within two years, this led to the appointment of almost 82 343 skilled health workers with medical or nursing qualifications in the public health system. 4 This includes 39 633 auxiliary nurse-midwives, 22 789 nurses, 9172 allopathic doctors and specialists, 5321 ayurvedic/homeopathic doctors...”

<http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/89/1/09-070862/en/>

WHO: IRIS Safety Issues in the Preparation of Homeopathic Medicines (2009)

“The use of homeopathic medicines has spread more and more, and nowadays it is widespread not only in the European region but also in south Asian countries and North and South American countries. With the worldwide increase in the use of homeopathic medicines and the rapid expansion of the global market, the safety and the quality of homeopathic medicines has become a major concern for health authorities, pharmaceutical industries and consumers.”

http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/10665/44238/1/9789241598842_eng.pdf

WHO: Forty-fourth report of the WHO Expert Committee on specifications for pharmaceutical preparations. (WHO technical report series; no. 957) (2010)

“Discussions during the four days of the ICDRA usually include topics relating to quality issues, herbal medicines, homeopathy, regulatory reform, medicines safety, counterfeiting, access, regulation of clinical trials, harmonization, new technologies and e-commerce.”

http://www.who.int/medicines/publications/TRS957_2010.pdf?ua=1

WHO: Global Health Workforce Alliance, Bangladesh (2011)

“28% of treatment provided in government health facilities is through alternative medicine (Ayurveda, Unani, and Homeopathy)”

<http://www.who.int/workforcealliance/countries/bgd/en/>

WHO & European Union: A System of Health Accounts (2011)

“This subcategory comprises both offices of general medical practitioners and offices of medical specialists (other than dental practice) in which medical practitioners holding the degree of a doctor of medicine (Code 2210 ISCO-08, ISCED-97 level 5 and 6) are primarily engaged in the independent practice of general or specialised medicine, including psychiatry, cardiology, osteopathy, homeopathy, surgery and others. This group also includes the practices of TCAM professionals with a corresponding medical education. These practitioners can operate as individual practitioners or in a group practice in their own or rented offices (e.g. centres, clinics) or independently in the facilities of others, such as hospitals or health maintenance organisations (HMO)-type medical centres.”

<http://www.who.int/health-accounts/methodology/sha2011.pdf?ua=1>

WHO: Regional Office for the Western Pacific, Traditional Medicine, Regional Committee (2011)

“In the Philippines, the regulation of acupuncture providers was issued in 2008, and regulations on chiropractic and homeopathic providers were enacted in 2009.”

http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/10665/137822/1/WPR_RC062_06_Traditional_Medicine_2011_en.pdf?ua=1

WHO: WHO Country Assessment Tool on the Uses and Sources for Human Resources for Health (HRH) Data (2012)

“Traditional and complementary medicine professionals examine patients and prevent and treat illness, disease, injury and other physical, mental and psychosocial ailments by applying knowledge, skills and practices acquired through extensive study of the theories and experiences originating in specific cultures. They research, develop and implement treatment plans using applications such as acupuncture, ayurvedic, homoeopathic and herbal medicine. Acupuncturist, Ayurvedic practitioner, Chinese herbal medicine practitioner, homeopath, naturopath, Unani practitioner This category includes occupations for which competent performance requires an extensive understanding of the benefits and applications of traditional and complementary therapies, developed as the result of extended formal study of these techniques as well as human anatomy and elements of modern medicine.”

http://www.who.int/hrh/resources/HRH_data-online_version_survey_use_sources.pdf?ua=1

WHO: Malaysia Health System Review, Health Systems in Transition Vol. 3 No.1, 5.14 Complementary and Alternative Medicine (2013)

“Malay, Chinese and Indian medicine, homeopathy and complementary medicines are widely used in Malaysia and there are several associations of practitioners, such as the 2000-member Chinese Physicians Association of Malaysia.”

http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/10665/206911/1/9789290615842_eng.pdf?ua=1

WHO: Traditional Medicine Strategy 2014-2023 (2014)

“In Switzerland, the average prevalence of T&CM use (persons who have used T&CM) was 49% (47) after 1990. In 1998, the Federal Department of Home Affairs (DHA) decided that, from 1999 to 2005, five complementary therapies – anthroposophical medicine, homeopathy, neural therapy, phytotherapy and TCM (more precisely, traditional Chinese herbal therapy) – would be covered by the compulsory health insurance program (KLV), if the service was provided by a physician certified in CAM.”

http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/10665/92455/1/9789241506090_eng.pdf?ua=1

WHO: The Health Workforce in India, Human Resources for Health Observer Series No. 16 by Sudhir Anand and Victoria Fan (2016)

“National Profile ... Of all doctors, 77.2% were allopathic and 22.8% were ayurvedic, homeopathic or unani.”

http://www.who.int/hrh/resources/16058health_workforce_India.pdf?ua=1&ua=1

WHO: The health system and policy monitor: Croatia regulation - 2.8.4 Regulation and governance of pharmaceuticals, p.7 (2016)

“Pharmaceutical products - The HALMED, established as an independent agency at the end of 2003 and supervised by the Ministry of Health, is responsible for granting marketing authorizations for medicinal products and homeopathic medicinal products.”

<http://www.who.int/health-laws/countries/hrv-en.pdf?ua=1>

WHO: Canada, Region of the Americas (2016)

“In its 2006 report, HPRAC recommended a number of changes to the 21 regulatory colleges governing 23 health professions under Ontario’s Regulated Health Professions Act to facilitate more effective human resource policy and planning. For example, HPRAC

recommended that new stand-alone colleges with the powers of self-regulation be created for psychotherapists, kinesiologists, naturopaths and homeopaths...”

“In 2004, the Natural Health Products Directorate was established, and Health Canada began to regulate traditional herbal medicines, vitamins and mineral supplements as well as homeopathic preparations in terms of initial approval and labelling.”

<http://www.who.int/health-laws/countries/can-en.pdf?ua=1>

WHO: MANT, Global Health Workforce Alliance from 1994-2004 (2017)

“...promotion of the Indian System of Medicines & Homeopathy”

http://www.who.int/workforcealliance/members_partners/member_list/mant/en/



EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

European Parliament: Report on the status of non-conventional medicine (1997)

“In Germany [...] both homeopathic and anthroposophic medical remedies are included in the national pharmacopoeia (with representatives of the discipline concerned sitting on a specific committee, set up in 1978).”

“Conclusive proof of the effectiveness of homeopathy is piling up, even if the orthodox scientific community is not yet convinced.”

“Full-blown medical systems such as homeopathy, anthroposophic medicine, traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) or naturopathy are, in principle, just as extensive and complete in their application as conventional western medicine...”

“Other disciplines, such as reflexology, aromatherapy, traditional oriental massage, iridology etc., are practised as complements to more all-embracing therapeutic techniques such as traditional western medicine, homeopathy, phytotherapy, naturopathy, etc.”

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?type=REPORT&reference=A4-1997-0075&format=XML&language=EN>

European Parliament: Debates Public health action programme (2001-2006) (2001)

“The Commission must be given a central coordinating role in public health to deal with illnesses, from detecting their origin to their actual treatment. It is very important that homeopathy should also be included as a medical treatment within this European Community action plan on public health.”

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?type=CRE&reference=20010403&secondRef=ITEM-012&format=XML&language=EN>

Marian Harkin, MEP, Independent Member of the European Parliament, *Homeopathy works for me and 100 million other Europeans* (2010)

“Three out of four Europeans know about homeopathy and of these 29% use it for their own health care. In Europe there are 54,000 specialised homeopathic medical doctors and practitioners and between 25% and 40% of all European health care practitioners prescribe homeopathy.”

<http://www.marianharkin.com/news/latest-news/single-article/article/homeopathy-works-for-me-and-100-million-other-europeans/#.WNPonjvyjIU>

European Parliament: Motion for a Resolution pursuant to Rule 120 of the Rules of Procedure on establishing a harmonised framework for homeopathic products (2010)

- “A. whereas more than 100 million European citizens use homeopathy as a form of alternative medicine,
- B. whereas homeopathy is a form of alternative medicine which is quite as safe as conventional medicine, as well as being cost-effective, since homeopathic products are manufactured in accordance with high quality standards,
1. Calls on the Commission to modify the existing directive on the subject so as to ensure the free movement of homeopathic products and take proper account of their specific nature;
 2. Calls on the Commission to give consideration to revising the directive on homeopathic products with a view to fuller harmonisation within the internal market.”

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?type=MOTION&reference=B7-2010-0056&format=XML&language=EN>

European Parliament: Debates 17. Antibiotic resistance (2011)

“We should also be open to the use of alternative methods, such as homeopathy and phytotherapy, in livestock husbandry. We need more research and more information in Europe about these alternative approaches.”

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?type=CRE&reference=20110511&secondRef=ITEM-017&format=XML&language=EN>

European Parliament: Parliamentary Questions, Subject: Research in the field of homeopathy and economic obstacles (2012)

- “2. Is the Commission aware of the fact that the current authorisation requirements deter sponsors, researchers, manufacturers and the industry from conducting research in the field of homeopathy, with negative repercussions for scientific and medicinal progress?” - Alojz Peterle (PPE)

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?type=WQ&reference=E-2012-005518&format=XML&language=EN>

and

“The Commission would like to refer the Honourable Member to its answer to the previous Written Question E- 003839/2012 by Ms Harkin”

“Homeopathic medicinal products are known to have an excellent safety profile (with almost no side-effects or interactions), can alleviate public health costs by savings of up to 30 % on the cost of medication, and have been proven to have positive effects on human health.” - Marian Harkin (ALDE)

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?type=WQ&reference=E-2012-003839&language=EN>

European Parliament: Parliamentary Questions (Answer 3.) (2014)

“According to information from stakeholders the total sales of homeopathic and anthroposophic medicinal products were 1.035 billion EUR (ex-factory prices 2010)”

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getAllAnswers.do?reference=E-2014-004659&language=EN#def3>

European Parliament: Medicinal products in the European Union, The legal framework for medicines for human use, In-Depth Analysis, 3.6 Homeopathic Medicines (2015)

“The provisions for homeopathic medicinal products are laid down in Directive 2001/83/EC. Homeopathic medicines are medicinal products prepared from substances known as homeopathic stocks in accordance with a manufacturing procedure described. They contain very low levels of diluted active principles.” p18

“Parliament's Intergroup for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CAM) organised a joint meeting on the subject in June 2013. In his speech, then-Health Commissioner Tonio Borg stressed that patients 'should have access to the medicinal products of their choice', including traditional herbal and homeopathic medicines.” p19

[http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/IDAN/2015/554174/EPRS_IDA\(2015\)554174_EN.pdf](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/IDAN/2015/554174/EPRS_IDA(2015)554174_EN.pdf)

European Parliament: Debates 8.2. Veterinary medicinal products (A8-0046/2016 - Françoise Grossetête) (2016)

“Finally, I was happy to support the amendments which called for the continuity of the use of homeopathy in animals. This contributes to the reduction of the use of antibiotics and allows consumers to continue using these practices.”

“More importantly, it will tackle the growing antibiotic resistance by limiting the use of antibiotics, but also by allowing the use of homeopathic alternatives, and by defining who is entitled to prescribe veterinary medicine.”

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?type=CRE&reference=20160310&secondRef=ITEM-008-02&format=XML&language=EN>

DIRECTIVES etc

European Parliament: Resolution on the Commission report to the European Parliament and the Council on the application of Directives 92/73/EEC and 92/74/EEC on homeopathic medicinal products (COM(97)0362 C4-0484/97) (1997)

“These activities should include programmes for basic research into homeopathy, to be carried out by bio-medical institutions, designed in particular to explain the process of homeopathic potentisation and prove the efficacy of homeopathic high-level potencies. They should also include programmes to promote international pooling of the experience of experts in homeopathy.”

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex%3A51998IP0378>

European Parliament: Report on the Commission report to the European Parliament and the Council on the application of Directives 92/73/EEC and 92/74/EEC on homeopathic medicinal products (COM(97)0362 - C4-0484/97) (1998)

“The Commission has drawn up a report on the application of Directives 92/73/EEC and 92/74/EEC () against the backdrop of two topics:

- (1) the effectiveness of homeopathic medicinal products, and
- (2) the fight for market share between the manufacturers of allopathic and homeopathic medicinal products.”

“...the introduction of specific rules for tests and clinical trials of homeopathic medicinal products is a contentious issue, but one which must be settled in a binding manner after consulting committees of experts, in order to ensure free circulation on the market, on the one hand, and eliminate unnecessary trials and rules, on the other, but without ignoring the justified interests of patients and customers.”

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?type=REPORT&reference=A4-1998-0378&format=XML&language=EN>

European Parliament: Directive 2004/27/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31 March 2004 amending Directive 2001/83/EC on the Community code relating to medicinal products for human use (2004)

“14) Article 15 shall be amended as follows: (a) the second indent shall be replaced by the following: ‘— dossier describing how the homeopathic stock or stocks is/are obtained and controlled, and justifying its/their homeopathic use, on the basis of an adequate bibliography,’”

http://www.biosafety.be/PDF/2004_27.pdf

European Parliament: Directive 2001/83/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 November 2001 on the Community Code relating to Medicinal Products for Human Use Official Journal L – 311, 28/11/2004, p. 67 – 128 (2009)

“A Member State may introduce or retain in its territory specific rules for the pre-clinical tests and clinical trials of homeopathic medicinal products other than those referred to in Article 14(1) in accordance with the principles and characteristics of homeopathy as practised in that Member State.”

http://www.ema.europa.eu/docs/en_GB/document_library/Regulatory_and_procedural_guideline/2009/10/WC500004481.pdf

European Parliament: Directorate General for Internal Policies, Policy Department A: Economic and Scientific Policy, Workshop ‘Alternative Medicines’ Proceedings with Dr. Ton Nicolai, Homeopathy Practitioner, President of the European Committee for Homeopathy (2011)

“Dr. Nicolai emphasized the growing demand for homeopathy from both doctors and patients. He said that ‘three out of four EU citizens know about homeopathy, of these 29% use it for their health care’. These figures suggest that over 100 million EU citizens use homeopathy regularly.”

“Universities often offer courses on homeopathy in their medical undergraduate and postgraduate educational programmes. He also said that compared to conventional therapies, homeopathy offers a ‘safe and cost-effective treatment’.”

[http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/workshop/join/2011/475079/IPOL-ENVI_AT\(2011\)475079_EN.pdf](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/workshop/join/2011/475079/IPOL-ENVI_AT(2011)475079_EN.pdf)

European Parliament: Directorate General for Internal Policies, Policy department A: Economic and Scientific Policy Workshop, Effectiveness of Medicines and Therapies Brussels, 2.2.3 The position and role of complementary and alternative medicines with Prof Dr Erik Baars, MD, MSc Epidemiology, University of Applied Sciences, Leiden, (NL) (2013)

“In CON, medicines usually come from the laboratories and are new isolated chemicals that travel from pre-clinical studies to clinical studies and then into clinical practice. CAM medicines often take a reverse path. They first start in clinical practice and then move to clinical studies and pre-clinical trial.”

[http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/workshop/join/2013/518741/IPOL-ENVI_AT\(2013\)518741_EN.pdf](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/workshop/join/2013/518741/IPOL-ENVI_AT(2013)518741_EN.pdf)

COUNCIL OF EUROPE

Council of Europe: Speech by Professor George Vithoukas (1999)

“Homeopathic treatment is gaining more and more acceptance from the public within the European community and in some countries the percentage of the population that finds access and relief in that therapeutic method **is more than ten percent for homeopathy alone**. Also more and more conventional doctors are implementing this method as an alternative.”

<https://www.vithoukas.com/writings/speeches/council-europe-speech>

Council of Europe, Parliamentary Assembly, A European Approach to Non-Conventional Medicines (1999)

“Resolution 1206 – 1. The Assembly reaffirms the importance it attaches to conventional medicines whose effectiveness has been proved scientifically and which form the basis of European social protection systems. It notes, however, that alternative, complementary and non-conventional forms of medicine are growing in importance in Europe and throughout the world. The extent to which they are recognised and the legal status they enjoy vary greatly from one country to the next. 2. The best established forms include acupuncture, homeopathy, osteopathy and chiropractic.”

<http://assembly.coe.int/nw/xml/XRef/Xref-XML2HTML-en.asp?fileid=16727&lang=en>

Council of Europe: Ministers’ Deputies, CM Documents, Granting and withdrawal of consultative status to international non-governmental organisations, Communication of the Secretary General (2000)

“3. As no objection has been raised either by the Committee of Ministers or by the Parliamentary Assembly during this period, the following twenty international non-governmental organisations have been granted consultative status with the Council of Europe from 13 April 2000 [...] - European Council for Classical Homeopathy (ECCH)”

<https://rm.coe.int/CoERMPublicCommonSearchServices/DisplayDCTMContent?documentId=0900001680524eaa>

Council of Europe: The European Social Charter by Carole Benelhocine (2012)

“Appendix III – List of INGOs entitled to submit collective complaints - Organisations registered for a period of four years: 1 July 2008 – 30 June 2012 – 8. European Council for Classical Homeopathy (ECCH)” p125

<https://rm.coe.int/CoERMPublicCommonSearchServices/DisplayDCTMContent?documentId=090000168048b05a#search=homeopathy>

Council of Europe: International Labour Standards, Consolidated Report on the application by Romania of ILO Conventions №102, 168, 183 & the European Code of Social Security in the period 2011-2015, Part II Medical Care (2016)

“Between June 1st, 2011 and May 31st, 2014, the phytotherapy and homeopathy services were provided by the physicians that obtained certificates/authorizations for providing complementary phytotherapy and homeopathy services.”

“The basic medical services package includes: [...] 6. Consults for application of phytotherapy and homeopathy for the period between June 1st 2011 and May 31st 2014.”

“6. Between June 1st 2011 and May 31st 2014, for phytotherapy and homeopathy, maximum 2 consults were settled for each case/diagnosis per calendar year.”

<https://rm.coe.int/CoERMPublicCommonSearchServices/DisplayDCTMContent?documentId=09000016806ccfb2>

EUROPEAN UNION

European Union: European Commission, European External Action Series, India, Country Strategy Paper 2007-2013 Mid-Term Review (2010)

“An essential part of India’s health reform efforts has been establishment of the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM). It promotes vertical integration of health and family welfare programmes, addressing determinants of health, adopting a sector-wide approach and subsuming key national programmes such as Reproductive and Child Health (RCH II), the National Disease Control Programmes (NDCP) and the Integrated Disease Surveillance Project (IDSP). The NRHM also provides a means of mainstreaming traditional indigenous healthcare practices (ayurveda, yoga, unani, siddha and homeopathy or ‘AYUSH’) and the national HIV/AIDS control programme.”

http://eeas.europa.eu/archives/docs/india/csp/11_13_mtr_en.pdf

European Union: European Commission, Draft General Budget of the European Union for the financial year 2013 Volume 3 Section III Commission, Article 05 08 12 Pilot project, Coordinate research on the use of homeopathy and phytotherapy in livestock farming (2012)

“This appropriation is intended to cover the establishment of a pilot project to coordinate research on the use of homeopathy and phytotherapy in livestock farming, in line with the European Parliament resolution of 12 May 2011 on antibiotic resistance in which the European Parliament called for the use of antibiotics in livestock farming to be reduced and for alternative methods to be used. Such methods include the use of homeopathy and phytotherapy. The pilot project should involve collecting data on what research projects in the field of homeopathy and phytotherapy have already been set up by the various Member States’ universities and higher education institutions, and what findings they have made; the pilot project should also investigate whether, and in what framework, the universities involved cooperate.” p230

<http://ec.europa.eu/transparency/regdoc/rep/1/2012/EN/1-2012-716-EN-F1-1-ANNEX-4.Pdf>

European Union: Transparency Register, Deutscher Zentralverein homöopathischer Ärzte e.V. (2017)

The Deutscher Zentralverein homöopathischer Ärzte represents all medical doctors specialized in homeopathy, organized in 11 associations in Germany. It is aimed at

- promoting the scientific development of homeopathy;
- ensuring high standards in the education, training and practice of homeopathy by medical doctors;
- harmonising professional standards in homeopathic practice across Germany;
- providing high-quality homeopathic care in a safe medical context;
- integrating high-quality homeopathy into German healthcare.

<http://ec.europa.eu/transparencyregister/public/consultation/displaylobbyist.do?id=954401920361-46&locale=en&indexation=true>

European Union: Transparency Register, International Association for Veterinary Homeopathy (2016)

“International association of veterinary homeopaths. The goal is to preserve and to develop the knowledge, understanding and practical perception of veterinary homeopathy.”

<http://ec.europa.eu/transparencyregister/public/consultation/displaylobbyist.do?id=583120519664-12&locale=en&indexation=true>

European Union: Transparency Register, European Coalition on Homeopathic and Anthroposophic Medicinal Products (2017)

“Mission: To enable our members to meet the demand from users and prescribers across the EU for homeopathic and anthroposophic medicinal products.”

<http://ec.europa.eu/transparencyregister/public/consultation/displaylobbyist.do?id=85825114058-57&locale=en&indexation=true>

European Union: Transparency Register, EUROCAM (2017)

“The main aim of EUROCAM is to achieve a significant political presence within the EU so as to influence the decision making of the European Commission, European Parliament and the Member States to support and provide the means for the integration of CAM into European healthcare systems as well as to fund research into its benefits and cost effectiveness. This collaboration recognises the stated wish of the EU institutions to deal with the CAM sector as a whole.”

<http://ec.europa.eu/transparencyregister/public/consultation/displaylobbyist.do?id=659086014916-83&locale=en&indexation=true>

European Union: European Public Health Alliance, Final Report, Session 1, Health Strategy, Organisation of 3 parallel sessions for the EU Open Health Forum (2005)

“Section 2 The debate will explore how much consensus can be created to build a shared vision of the European role in health. [...] The steering group for this Session consists of: [...] the European Committee for Homeopathy (ECH).” p11

http://ec.europa.eu/health/archive/ph_overview/health_forum/open_2005/ev_20051107_frep_en.pdf

European Union: European Commission, Learning Opportunities and Qualifications in Europe, Professional Master's Degree in Health Care, Clinical Pharmacist (RSU), Latvian Qualifications Database, Rīga Stradiņš University (2017)

“1.4. basic principles of homeopathy.”

<http://ec.europa.eu/ploteus/en/content/professional-master%E2%80%99s-degree-health-care-clinical-pharmacist-rsu>



USA

USA: University of California San Francisco (UCSF) Library, Homeopathy Digital Collection (1833)

Samuel Hahnemann's Organon der Heilkunst, Dresden und Leipzig, (1833). This is Dr Hahnemann's own copy of the 5th edition (1833), with his handwritten revisions for the 6th edition (completed 1842)

<https://ucsf-ckm.github.io/digitalcollections.library.ucsf.edu/organon/organon.html>

USA: University of Illinois Library, Organon of Medicine by Samuel Hahnemann, Translated from the Fifth German Edition by R. E. Dudgeon M.D. London (1849)

“Thus Homoeopathy is a perfectly simple system of medicine, remaining always fixed in its principles as in its practice, which, like the doctrine whereon it is based, if rightly apprehended will be found to be so exclusive (and in that way only, serviceable), that as the doctrine is pure, so must the practice be also, and all backward straying to the pernicious routine of the old school (whose opposite it is, as day is to night), is totally impossible, otherwise it ceases to deserve the honourable name of Homoeopathy.”

https://books.google.co.uk/books?id=LyhHAQAAMAAJ&printsec=frontcover&source=gbs_ViewAPI&redir_esc=y#v=onepage&q&f=false

USA: Harper's Magazine, Article, A Majestic Literary Fossil by Mark Twain (1890)

"When you reflect that your own father had to take such medicines as the above, and that you would be taking them to-day yourself but for the introduction of homoeopathy, which forced the old-school doctor to stir around and learn something of a rational nature about his business, you may honestly feel grateful that homoeopathy survived the attempts of the allopathists to destroy it, even though you may never employ any physician but an allopathist while you live.

<http://harpers.org/archive/1890/02/a-majestic-literary-fossil/>

USA: Why Students of Medicine Should Select the Homoeopathic School, Publication No.1, Authorized by the Council of Medical Education of the American Institute of Homeopathy (early 20th Century)

Fifty years ago there were but two homoeopathic colleges, and these with limited facilities and no prestige. Today there are eighteen, each of a high standard furnishing better facilities for obtaining a general medical education than the average old school college. There are probably few if any allopathic schools with superior resources and stronger faculties than have our homoeopathic colleges.

<https://ucsf-ckm.github.io/digitalcollections.library.ucsf.edu/u153/u153.html>

USA: US Department of Health and Human Services, National Centre for Complementary and Integrative Health, Report: "Can Alternative Medicine Be Integrated into Mainstream Care?" - Sponsored by NCCAM and the Royal College of Physicians (2001)

“The fact that 20% of general practitioners in Scotland have had homeopathic training testifies to the popularity of homeopathy in the U.K.”

“Public use of, and demand for, access to CAM therapies has grown, and does not appear to be affected by insurance reimbursement factors. There are interesting differences between U.K. and the U.S. public awareness of, and knowledge about, certain specialties. For example, homeopathy is well integrated into the NHS; in the U.S., homeopathy is not institutionalized.”

<https://nccih.nih.gov/news/events/012301>

US National Library of Medicine, National Institutes of Health, Homeopathy and the Lancet by Peter Fisher (2006)

“Homeopathy's popularity is growing worldwide despite many such attacks. To paraphrase Mark Twain, reports of the death of homeopathy are much exaggerated: the facts simply are incompatible with The Lancet's claim that the end of homeopathy is nigh. Regrettably, this attack will only widen the divisions. The way forward is open, transparent science, not opaque, biased analysis and rhetoric.”

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC1375230/>

USA: Bernie Sanders, United States Senator for Vermont, Sick Around the World (PBS) (2008)

“Reid's journey then takes him to Germany, the country that invented the concept of a national health care system. For its 80 million people, Germany offers universal health care, including medical, dental, mental health, homeopathy and spa treatment.”

<https://www.sanders.senate.gov/newsroom/must-read/sick-around-the-world-pbs>

USA: University of Michigan, Taubman Health Sciences Library, Selected list of Homeopathy materials (2010)

Researchers should also be aware that this document is only a guide; for the full records and a complete list, they should consult Mirlyn, the Library's online catalog.

<https://www.lib.umich.edu/homeopathy-test>

US National Library of Medicine, National Institutes of Health, Extreme homeopathic dilutions retain starting materials: A nanoparticulate perspective by Chikramane P S et al (2010)

“Using market samples of metal-derived medicines from reputable manufacturers, we have demonstrated for the first time by Transmission Electron Microscopy (TEM), electron diffraction and chemical analysis by Inductively Coupled Plasma-Atomic Emission Spectroscopy (ICP-AES), the presence of physical entities in these extreme dilutions, in the form of nanoparticles of the starting metals and their aggregates.”

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/20970092>

USA: Journal of the Medical Library Association, From Hahnemann's hand to your computer screen: building a digital homeopathy collection, by Lisa A Mix MLA CA, Kathleen Cameron MLIS (2011)

“Because the sixth edition of the Organon presented significant changes to homeopathic practice and because it is among Hahnemann's final professional writings, homeopaths from all over the world come to San Francisco to study the manuscript volume.”

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3016660/>

USA: Journal of the Medical Library Association, Integrative oncology research in the Middle East: weaving traditional and complementary medicine in supportive care, Ben-Arye E et al (2012)

“Twenty-eight articles referred to clinical research on supportive care, and the use of specific CAM modalities that included acupuncture, anthroposophic medicine, dietary and nutritional therapies herbal medicine, homeopathy, mind-body medicine, shiatsu, therapeutic touch, and yoga.”

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/21360035>

USA: American Academy of Paediatrics, News and Journals, Paediatrics, Complementary and Alternative Medicine Use by Paediatric Specialty Outpatients, Adams D. et al (2013)

“The most common CAM products currently used were multivitamins/minerals, herbal products, and homeopathic remedies. [...] Results of this study indicate that CAM use is high among paediatric specialty clinic outpatients and is much greater in the western than in the central hospital.”

<http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/early/2013/01/08/peds.2012-1220>

US Senate, Association of Rehabilitation Nurses ARN, Comments for Chronic Care Reform in the Medicare Program (2016)

“ARN also is supportive of complementary and alternative medicines (CAM), defined as practices and therapeutic modalities outside of the realm of biomedicine, including but not limited to the use homeopathy, massage, acupuncture and acupressure, supplements, naturopathy, aromatherapy, and music therapy.”

<https://www.finance.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/Association%20of%20Rehabilitation%20Nurses%20Chronic%20Care%20Working%20Group%202016%20Letter.pdf>

US Senate, A Bill, To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve access to health care through expanded health savings accounts, and for other purposes (2017)

“Sec. 502. Certain nutritional and dietary supplements to be treated as medical care, (13) Nutritional and Dietary Supplements, (A) In General - The term ‘medical care’ shall include amounts paid to purchase herbs, vitamins, minerals, homeopathic remedies, meal replacement products, and other dietary and nutritional supplements.”

<https://www.finance.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/HSA%20bill%20for%20115th%20Congress.pdf>

USA: Asbestos.com, The Mesothelioma Center, Michelle Whitmer (2017)

“The natural aspect of homeopathy is a central reason someone like a mesothelioma patient might have interest in it. Homeopaths avoid antibiotics, over-the-counter drugs, prescriptions drugs and many standard kinds of treatments. Some of those treatments - chemotherapy and radiation therapy, for example - create side effects that can make a patient feel worse before they get better. If someone prefers homeopathy and yet believes chemo and radiation provide the best path to a longer life expectancy, there are remedies that can alleviate traditional side effects (nausea, weight loss, hair loss, weariness and depression, to name a few).”

<https://www.asbestos.com/treatment/alternative/homeopathy/>

UK

UK: The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall, Speeches, An article by HRH The Prince of Wales titled Science and homeopathy must work in harmony, The Daily Telegraph (1997)

“Some complementary treatments are now available within the National Health Service and an independent survey for the Department of Health in 1995 showed that almost 40% of GP partnerships in England provide access to complementary medicine for NHS patients, either by undertaking these treatments themselves or by delegating them to a complementary practitioner. Acupuncture, homoeopathy and osteopathy were the most frequently used.”

<https://www.princeofwales.gov.uk/media/speeches/article-hrh-the-prince-of-wales-titled-science-and-homeopathy-must-work-harmony-the>

UK: The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall, Speeches, An article by HRH The Prince of Wales, titled Complementary and alternative medicine needs - and deserves - more research, The Times (2000)

Complementary medicine is gaining a toehold on the rock face of medical science. This goes along with its greater acceptance among healthcare professionals - about 40% of GP practices offer access to some form of non-conventional treatment such as osteopathy or homeopathy.”

<https://www.princeofwales.gov.uk/media/speeches/article-hrh-the-prince-of-wales-titled-complementary-and-alternative-medicine-needs>

UK: BBC News, Right Royal Requirements (2000)

“Anxious to avoid coughs, sniffles and headaches, Her Majesty also carries a box of homeopathic remedies based on bee stings, snake venom and deadly nightshade.”

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/965079.stm>

UK: The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall, News and Diary, HRH launches the Foundation GP Associates and visits the Royal London Homeopathic Hospital (2005)

“Earlier in the day, The Prince reopened the Royal London Homeopathic Hospital in Great Ormond Street, London which has recently undergone a £20 million redevelopment.”

<https://www.princeofwales.gov.uk/news-and-diary/hrh-launches-the-foundation-gp-associates-and-visits-the-royal-london-homeopathic>

UK: The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall, Speeches, A speech by HRH The Prince of Wales for the first conference of The Prince of Wales's Foundation for Integrated Health G.P. Associates, London (2005)

“I was talking to patients earlier this afternoon at the homeopathic hospital, and one lady said homeopathy had totally transformed her irritable bowel syndrome in a matter of 12 hours.”

<https://www.princeofwales.gov.uk/media/speeches/speech-hrh-the-prince-of-wales-the-first-conference-of-the-prince-of-wales>

Parliament UK: Parliamentary Business, Early Day Motion 1240, NHS Homeopathic Hospitals (2007)

“That this House welcomes the positive contribution made to the health of the nation by the NHS homeopathic hospitals; notes that some six million people use complementary treatments each year; believes that complementary medicine has the potential to offer clinically-effective and cost-effective solutions to common health problems faced by NHS patients, including chronic difficult to treat conditions such as musculoskeletal and other chronic pain, eczema, depression, anxiety and insomnia, allergy, chronic fatigue and irritable bowel syndrome; expresses concern that NHS cuts are threatening the future of these hospitals; and calls on the Government actively to support these valuable national assets.”

<http://www.parliament.uk/edm/2006-07/1240>

Parliament UK: Parliamentary Business, Early Day Motion 1550, Leicestershire and Rutlands Heritage of Mental Health with David Tredinnick (2008)

“That this House [...] notes that the experience of Leicestershire and Rutland Heritage of Mental Health is that homeopathic remedies are especially useful in addressing suicidal feelings and in enabling compulsion to be lessened; and calls on the Government to encourage the use of homeopathy in psychiatric wards and doctors' surgeries.”

<http://www.parliament.uk/edm/2007-08/1550>

Homeopathy, Faculty of Homeopathy, Conceptions of health, illness and treatment of patients who use homeopathy in Santos, Brazil (2008)

“Patients continued homeopathic treatment due to positive therapeutic results, cure without being aggressive to the organism, the holistic integrated approach, the preventive nature of the treatment and low prices of medicine.”

[http://www.homeopathyjournal.net/article/S1475-4916\(07\)00112-9/abstract](http://www.homeopathyjournal.net/article/S1475-4916(07)00112-9/abstract)

UK: The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall, News and Diary, HRH opens a conference on integrated health and launches a new scholarship programme in Wales (2009)

"We were panicking basically. We were looking at our baby and in our eyes he was dying. "I was aware of homeopaths, but I thought 'where do I find one', and had to look in the Yellow Pages. "He prescribed some powders and within two days my son was keeping food down and within two weeks he was starting to put on weight and come back to life. "He had an inflamed gut and bowel but the doctors had been sticking cameras down his gullet and taken a biopsy but had got nowhere." "Homeopathy is just another tool of medicine."

<https://www.princeofwales.gov.uk/news-and-diary/hrh-opens-conference-integrated-health-and-launches-new-scholarship-programme-wales>

Homeopathy, Faculty of Homeopathy, Cost-benefit evaluation of homeopathic *versus* conventional therapy in respiratory diseases (2009)

"Homeopathic treatment for respiratory diseases (asthma, allergic complaints, Acute Recurrent Respiratory Infections) was associated with a significant reduction in the use and costs of conventional drugs. Costs for homeopathic therapy are significantly lower than those for conventional pharmacological therapy."

[http://www.homeopathyjournal.net/article/S1475-4916\(08\)00128-8/abstract](http://www.homeopathyjournal.net/article/S1475-4916(08)00128-8/abstract)

UK Parliament: HO 09, Parliamentary Business, Business and records, Memorandum submitted by the Northern Ireland Association of Homeopaths (NIAH) (2009)

"1. Our submission is based on findings from the Northern Ireland Integrated Medicine Pilot Programme 2007-2008. The Pilot Programme was unique in that it was the first of its kind in the United Kingdom to be commissioned by a Minister for Health. It was not a clinical trial per se, but an evaluation of a service in which GPs were able to refer patients for a range of Complementary and Alternative Medical (CAM) treatments, including homeopathic medical treatment."

- Half of GPs reported prescribing less medication and all reported that patients had indicated to them that they needed less
- 62% of patients reported suffering from less pain
- 55% reported using less painkillers following treatment
- Patients using medication reduced from 75% before treatment to 61% after treatment
- 44% of those taking medication before treatment had reduced their use afterwards"

<https://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200910/cmselect/cmsctech/memo/homeopathy/ucm0902.htm>

UK Parliament: HO18 Memorandum submitted by the European Committee for Homeopathic Medicine in Europe, The Use of Homeopathic Medicine in Europe: Its Licensing and Regulation (2009)

“Homeopathy is being increasingly recognised as a potential asset to European health care.”

<https://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200910/cmselect/cmsctech/memo/homeopathy/ucm1802.htm>

UK Parliament: Government Response to the Science and Technology Committee report 'Evidence Check 2: Homeopathy' Presented to Parliament by the Secretary of State for Health by Command of Her Majesty (2010)

“The concern to achieve consumer choice while protecting public health is also reflected at a European level. Thus Recital 9 to Directive 92/73/EEC6 made clear the overall policy position concerning homeopathic products in the EU: “Whereas, despite considerable differences in the status of alternative medicines in the Member States, patients should be allowed access to the medicinal products of their choice, provided all precautions are taken to ensure the quality and safety of the said products.”

“We believe that providing appropriate information for commissioners, clinicians and the public, and ensuring a strong ethical code for clinicians, remain the most effective ways to ensure quality outcomes, patient satisfaction and the appropriate use of NHS funding.”

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/216053/dh_117811.pdf

Parliament UK: House of Commons Hansard, Integrated Healthcare, David Tredinnick (Bosworth)(Con) (2010)

“Another important point, which fits the new coalition Government’s proposal for cost-effectiveness, is that the alternative disciplines—herbal medicine, aromatherapy, homeopathy, osteopathy, chiropractic—are very cost-effective.”

“...in France, homeopathy is taught in seven medical schools and practised by 25,000 doctors. In India, it is part of the health service. There are 180 colleges teaching homeopathy there, and more than 300,000 practitioners. Whatever the merits of the scientific research, the fact is that there are 500 doctors in Britain who choose to use homeopathic treatments as part of their work.”

“...we have a great opportunity to draw on the wonderful resources we now have vested in our homeopathic hospitals, which offer many other treatments besides homeopathy...”

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/Commons/2010-06-02/debates/1006037000001/IntegratedHealthCare?highlight=homeopathy#contribution-1006037000071>

Parliament UK: House of Commons Hansard, Evidence Check: Homeopathy (Government Response), The Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Health (Anne Milton) (2010)

“Complementary and alternative medicine, including homeopathy, have a long tradition, and very vocal proponents and opponents. The Committee’s report sets out evidence and opinion on each side, with a strong focus on efficacy as being one of the main criteria by which it would expect national health service decisions to be made. [...] The Government welcome this report. We remain of the view that the local national health service and clinicians are best placed to make decisions on what treatment is appropriate for their patients. We expect local clinicians to make decisions on what is best for their patients taking account of safety, evidence of clinical and cost-effectiveness (where it exists) and the availability of suitably regulated/qualified practitioners.”

[https://hansard.parliament.uk/Commons/2010-07-26/debates/1007264000031/EvidenceCheckHomeopathy\(GovernmentResponse\)?highlight=homeopathy#contribution-1007264000282](https://hansard.parliament.uk/Commons/2010-07-26/debates/1007264000031/EvidenceCheckHomeopathy(GovernmentResponse)?highlight=homeopathy#contribution-1007264000282)

UK: Wales Online, Peter Hain, Labour MP for Neath (2012)

“My view is that homeopathy and conventional medicines must remain side by side under the NHS to offer the best to patients.”

“Actress Louise Jameson, who also takes part in the campaign alongside David Bellamy, the environmentalist, and former tennis professional Annabel Croft, has said she discovered homeopathy when her son was unwell and since then has not used antibiotics to treat herself or her two sons, who are in their twenties.”

<http://www.walesonline.co.uk/news/health/peter-hain-im-backing-homeopathic-2053093>

UK Parliament: House of Commons Library, Homeopathy and the consolidation of UK medicines legislation, by Oliver Bennett, 6.2 The Government response (2012)

“The BHA welcomed the Government’s response as protecting consumer choice: I am pleased to see that the government’s response embraces patients’ right to make informed choices about healthcare,’ notes British Homeopathic Association Chief Executive, Cristal Sumner. ‘This response makes it quite clear that this choice includes complementary medicine and homeopathy more particularly, which is a welcome affirmation to all current and potential patients across the UK.’ “

<http://researchbriefings.parliament.uk/ResearchBriefing/Summary/SN06350#fullreport>

Parliament UK: House of Commons Hansard, Access to Homeopathic Medicines, Jim Shannon, Strangford (DUP)(2012)

“Homeopathic medicines deliver a health care option to many people, including in my constituency. For many of them, the issue relates to freedom and personal choice.”

“The petition I present is from people in my constituency who are concerned that section 10 of the consolidated Human Medicines Regulations 2012 should remain unchanged. I believe the Government are not willing at this stage to agree a change, but a marker needs to be put down. A small but well co-ordinated group with an anti-homeopathy agenda must be resisted by MPs and by Government. Choice on access to homeopathic medicines is paramount, and it must be retained and enshrined by Government.”

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/Commons/2012-07-17/debates/12071793000104/AccessToHomeopathicMedicines>

UK: University of Birmingham, Your Benefit Choices, BHSF Health Cash Plan (2015)

“Up to £600 towards therapies (including homeopathy consultation)” p9

<https://intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/hr/documents/public/benefits/Your-Benefits-Choices-Brochure-2015-16.pdf>

Parliament UK: House of Lords Hansard (2013)

“Baroness Corston: My Lords, given that many GPs ask for training in homeopathy and become homeopaths using both conventional and homeopathic medicine, and speaking as someone who personally uses homeopathic remedies, will the Minister ensure that the views of people such as the noble Lord, Lord Taverne, with which we are all familiar, are not given such credence within the National Health Service that those who wish to use homeopathic remedies do not have that choice?”

“Earl Howe: My Lords, I take the noble Baroness’s point. Again, we have consistently said, in this and in other areas, that clinical responsibility for an individual’s health condition rests with their GP, who must therefore be able to justify clinically any treatment to which he or she refers someone. As she said, there are GPs who have a speciality in homeopathy. We recommend that a patient who is interested in homeopathic treatment should go to such a GP.”

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/Lords/2013-03-19/debates/13031964001340/Homeopathy>

Parliament UK; Publications and records, Health Committee, Written evidence from The Society of Homeopaths (LTC 65), 9.How children with chronic conditions fare using homeopathy (2014)

“Children with chronic conditions appear to respond particularly well to homeopathic treatment. In addition to the evidence above, 66% of children in the Bristol Homeopathic Hospital study described rating their health as “better” or “much better” and 80% stated a degree of improvement. 68% of the children with eczema reported that it was “better” or “much better” (Spence *et al*, 2005). Parents appear to be turning to homeopathic treatment for their children: 24% of children with chronic conditions in an outpatient setting in south-west England were found to be using some form of CAM, homeopathy being one of the most

common (Simpson and Roman, 2001). The Avon longitudinal study found that children were using homeopathy for chronic conditions such as asthma, eczema, hay fever, epilepsy, and migraine (Thompson et al., 2010).”

<https://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201415/cmselect/cmhealth/401/401vw60.htm>

British Medical Journal: Should Doctors Recommend Homeopathy? with Dr Peter Fisher, Director of Research, Royal London Hospital for Integrated Medicine, London WC1N 3HR (2015)

“...recent in vitro research shows repeatable effects (for instance, inhibition of basophil degranulation by highly dilute histamine¹) while basic physical research shows that the homeopathic manufacturing process changes the structure of the diluent, including the formation of nanoparticles of silica and gas.² The physical research is of little clinical relevance but provides a possible mechanism of action for the controversial high dilutions.”

<http://www.bmj.com/content/351/bmj.h3735>

Oxford Academic, Family Practice, Homeopathy in France in 2011–2012 according to reimbursements in the French national health insurance database (SNIIRAM) (2015)

“A total of 120,110 healthcare professionals (HCPs) prescribed at least one homeopathic drug or preparation. They represented 43.5% of the overall population of HCPs, nearly 95% of general practitioners, dermatologists and paediatricians, and 75% of midwives. Homeopathy accounted for 5% of the total number of drug units prescribed by HCPs.”

“About 10% of the French population, particularly young children and women, received at least one homeopathic preparation during the year. In more than one half of cases, reimbursed homeopathic preparations are prescribed in combination with allopathic medicines.”

<https://academic.oup.com/fampra/article/32/4/442/681852/Homeopathy-in-France-in-2011-2012-according-to>

Parliament UK: House of Commons Hansard, Adult Autism Strategy, David Tredinnick (Bosworth)(Con)(2015)

“Is my right hon. Friend aware that there is clear evidence that homeopathy is effective in treating autism, especially when doctors have not found a solution? Now that the Society of Homeopaths is regulated by the Professional Standards Authority, will he make more use of homeopathy in the health service generally, and in this particular instance?”

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/Commons/2015-01-13/debates/1501134300015/AdultAutismStrategy?highlight=homeopathy#contribution-15011343000101>

Parliament UK: House of Commons Hansard, Long-term Deteriorating Health Conditions, David Tredinnick (Bosworth)(Con) (2015)

“Is my hon. Friend aware that deteriorating health conditions can be treated by a large number of complementary therapies, including homeopathy, herbal medicine and acupuncture, and will she look at them?”

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/Commons/2015-09-07/debates/1509074000011/Long-TermDeterioratingHealthConditions?highlight=homeopathy#contribution-1509074000029>

UK: Homeopathy, A case for creating homeopathy-based first aid kit for Traumatic Brain Injury and implementing that in 108 emergency services in India by Srinivasulu Gadugu (2015)

“This paper deals with the Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBI) and it's homoeopathic treatment in the emergency situations. The author has treated few cases successfully and video recorded them in an emergency ward in a tertiary hospital. This add on therapeutic intervention will greatly reduce the mortality and morbidity in the TBI cases. The author is trying to work with the neurosurgeons for an interdisciplinary approach towards the treatment and management of TBI cases in India.”

[http://www.homeopathyjournal.net/article/S1475-4916\(15\)00151-4/fulltext](http://www.homeopathyjournal.net/article/S1475-4916(15)00151-4/fulltext)

Homeopathy, Faculty of Homeopathy, Slovenian MEP endorses homeopathy, Alojz Peterle at the first European Congress for Homeopathy (2016)

“My firm belief is that homeopathy can play an innovative role in the context of the enormous personal, social and economic cost of chronic disease and health inequalities.

For these reasons and given its widespread demand among European citizens, we need to incorporate ways in which homeopathy can contribute to sustainable healthcare systems in Europe including its role in health maintenance, reduction of use of antibiotics, less invasive and more cost-effective treatment of illness, which are also some of objectives of the EU Health Strategy 2014-2020.”

<http://facultyofhomeopathy.org/slovenian-mep-homeopathy/>

Parliament UK: House of Commons Hansard, Healthcare Spending, David Tredinnick (Bosworth)(CON)(2016)

“My right hon. Friend will be aware that the NHS spends only about £400 million a year on homeopathic medicine and treatments through the 400 doctors who have trained in homeopathy and are members of the faculty. If he wants to reduce antibiotic prescribing, may I suggest that he increases that budget, because there are very good scientific trials now showing that upper respiratory tract infections can be treated using homeopathic medicine? May I write to him about that?”

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/Commons/2016-11-15/debates/8C9CBE6A-AD1C-47DF-B309-A65C755765B6/HealthcareSpending?highlight=homeopathic#contribution-69DCC55D-0A0C-42D7-9C60-15CDBD272975>

Parliament UK: House of Commons, Parliamentary Business, Publications and Records, Register of All-Party Parliamentary Groups [as at 12 October 2016] Integrated Healthcare - All-Party Parliamentary Group for Integrated Healthcare (2016)

“To provide a forum for discussion on issues related to integrated healthcare; to stimulate well-informed debate among politicians and stakeholders; and to contribute towards the development of knowledge and policies on the subject.”

<https://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm/cmallparty/161012/integrated-healthcare.htm>

UK: Sue Young Histories, Biographies of Homeopaths

“There are most probably over a hundred thousand American homeopaths, millions of Indian homeopaths, hundreds of thousands of South American homeopaths, and tens of thousands of European homeopaths.”

“This list does not include the many hundreds of thousands of homeopaths from other countries, including Iran, the Far East, the Middle East – in fact homeopathy has spread to every country in the World – and this list does not include any of the many millions practicing homeopathy today.”

<http://sueyounghistories.com/archives/2009/11/18/homeopathy-a-%E2%80%93/>

UK: University College London Hospitals UCLH, NHS, History of The Royal London Hospital for Integrated Medicine

“The hospital’s first great success came in 1854, when a cholera epidemic broke out in Soho, originating from the water of the Broad Street pump (this was the infamous epidemic which came to an abrupt end when Dr John Snow removed the handle of the pump). At that time, the London Homoeopathic Hospital was the closest hospital to the pumps and achieved remarkable success in treating the victims of the epidemic. The Hospital’s mortality rate was 16 per cent, compared to 53 per cent at the nearby Middlesex Hospital.”

“The thread running through the highs and lows of the last 160 years is not great names, nor even the contribution to the art and science of homeopathy or integrated medicine. The ideal that has sustained the Royal London Hospital for Integrated Medicine is a commitment to making available the best that an integrated approach to medicine can offer to help those who need it, when they need it, regardless of ability to pay.”

<https://www.uclh.nhs.uk/OurServices/OurHospitals/RLHIM/Pages/historyofrlhim.aspx>

UK: Lady Mary Holmes, Patron, Homeopathic Research Institute, About HRI

“Having first been treated homeopathically at the age of six or seven, I am well aware of its great benefits. Over the last thirty years there have been several times when I have been under great stress which has adversely affected my general health and wellbeing. Homeopathy has been invaluable in helping me through these episodes – with no side effects! That is one of the great advantages of homeopathy, there are no side effects from the medication yet it is very much to the point. Now in my mid-seventies, I lead an active life and continue to benefit greatly from homeopathy which helps to keep me in good health.”

<https://www.hri-research.org/about-hri/patrons/>

UK: General Medical Council, GMC approved suitable persons

“Dr David Owen – approved to make recommendations for: Doctors who are Associates or Licenced Associates of the Faculty of Homeopathy who do not have a prescribed connection to any other body.”

http://www.gmc-uk.org/Revalidation_Suitable_Person_details_DC4964.pdf_53912287.pdf

OTHERS

The Medical Journal of Australia, Research Article, Complementary therapies: have they become accepted in general practice? (2000)

“...while herbal medicine, naturopathy, vitamin and mineral therapy, osteopathy and homoeopathy are accepted by a sizable minority of doctors. Doctors underestimate their patients' use of these therapies, which may contribute to compliance and medication interaction problems. There is an urgent need for well-designed trials to search for evidence of the effectiveness of these non-orthodox therapies, to inform doctors' and patients' use of them.”

<https://www.mja.com.au/journal/2000/172/3/complementary-therapies-have-they-become-accepted-general-practice#refbody26>

European Federation of Homeopathic Patients' Associations (EFHPA) (2003)

“EFHPA was established to represent the voice of homeopathic patients in Europe and helps to develop and support the formation of national patient groups throughout Europe.”

<http://www.efhpa.eu/>

Swiss Association of Homoeopathic Physicians (SAHOP), Open Letter to the Editor of The Lancet (2005)

"The meta-analysis may be statistically correct. But its validity and practical significance can be seen at a glance: not one single qualified homoeopath would ever treat one single patient in clinical practice as presented in any of the 110 analysed trials! The study cannot give the slightest evidence against homoeopathy because it does not measure real individual (classical) homoeopathy. It confounds real homoeopathic practice with distorted study forms violating even basic homeopathic rules."

<http://www.karger.com/Article/PDF/89833>

ScienceDirect, Chemico-Biological Interactions, Volume 188, Issue 1, 6 October 2010, Pages 214–219, Extremely low copper concentrations affect gene expression profiles of human prostate epithelial cell lines, Bigagli E. et al (2010)

“Cells were exposed to copper (II) sulfate for 24h at concentrations varying from 10^{-6} to 10^{-17} M and untreated reference cells were exposed to the same volume of copper-free water. Relative gene expression variations between copper-treated and control cells were studied with microarray technology using the Whole Human Genome Array from Agilent. Microarray data demonstrated that copper added to the medium varied gene expression at all

concentrations tested. Many genes belonging to functional gene families were modulated by copper, some dose-dependently.”

<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0009279710003911>

European Central Council of Homeopaths (ECCH), The legal situation for the practice of homeopathy in Japan (2010)

“We are sending you this letter as we understand that the Government of Japan is currently considering the introduction of legislation and/or regulation of the practice of homeopathy in your country. We will hereby present to you our main points of concern, as well as an overview of existing legislation in countries in Europe.”

http://jphma.org/fukyu/fukyu_img/From%20ECCH%20to%20the%20Japanese%20Government%201%20Feb%202010.pdf

Swiss Government: Homeopathy in Healthcare – Effectiveness, Appropriateness, Safety, Costs - An HTA report on homeopathy as part of the Swiss Complementary Medicine Evaluation Programme, Editors: Gudrun Bornhöft MD, Prof. Peter F. Matthiessen MD, PhD (2011)

“There is sufficient evidence for the preclinical effectiveness and the clinical efficacy of homeopathy and for its safety and economy compared with conventional treatment.”

http://rd.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-3-642-20638-2/page/1?wt_mc=Affiliate.CommissionJunction.3.EPR1089.DeepLink&utm_medium=affiliate&utm_source=commission_junction&utm_campaign=3_nsn6445_deeplink&utm_content=deeplink

India: AYUSH Research Portal, Evidence Based Research Data of AYUSH Systems at Global Level Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India (2011)

“Leprosy is a disease of global concern not only because of its potential to affect large number of people and its continued transmission but also because of the occurrence of deformities in a great proportion of patients. It is also a fact that multi-drug regimen has been effective in killing Mycobacterium leprae but it has no impact on associated disability due to nerve function impairment and trophic ulcer in leprosy. To explore the other means of treatment to save the leprosy patient from disability, a randomised double blind clinical trial was undertaken. Methodology: 160 leprosy patients who were released from treatment (RFT) and were suffering from either trophic ulcer and peripheral anaesthesia were randomly selected. All the patients in study groups were given Mercurius solubilis orally for a period of two years or till recovery, whichever was earlier, while control group received placebo. Results: Statistically significant improvement was observed in the healing of ulcers and regaining of nerve sensation. The biopsy from the treated cases showed almost normal dermis containing new nerve twigs and sweat glands and blood vessels with no evidence of perivascular or perineural inflammatory reaction. Radiographs of the patients with ulcer showed absence of osteomyelitic changes of phalanges with bony remodeling of metatarsal

bone. Conclusion: This treatment was found to be most suitable for cure of neuropathy and trophic ulcer in multi drug treated leprosy patients. [<http://ayushportal.nic.in/ShowDefault.aspx?IDD=19083> (2009)]”

<http://ayushportal.nic.in/default.aspx>

Homeopathy Research Institute: Research Article, Swiss Federal Government report supports homeopathy claims by Alexander Tournier (2012)

“This authoritative report has informed the decision taken by the Swiss government to include homeopathy (and four other CAM therapies) on the list of services covered by the Swiss statutory health insurance scheme until 2017.”

https://www.hri-research.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/HRI_ResearchArticle_15_Tournier_SwissReport.pdf

Australia: *The Conversation*, Complementary vs western medicine – both have a role in universities by Paul Komesaroff, Professor of Medicine, Monash University, also published in the *Medical Journal of Australia* [<https://www.mja.com.au/journal/2012/197/2/medicine-and-science-must-oppose-intolerance-and-censorship>] (2012)

“None of this means that there are not problems, either with complementary medicines or with aspects of western medicine. In both cases, vulnerable members of the community need to be protected from exaggerated or misleading claims. In both cases, the evidence – in all its forms – needs to be scrutinised and presented clearly and fairly to patients. And in both cases, the process of communication has to be open, respectful and free of contamination with power or self-interest.”

<https://theconversation.com/complementary-vs-western-medicine-both-have-a-role-in-universities-8232>

Germany: Institut für Geschichte der Medizin – Robert Bosch Stiftung, International Network for the History of Homeopathy (2012)

“The Institute owns a research library with more than 50,000 volumes as well as the homoeopathy archives with the estate of Samuel Hahnemann and important pupils and successors, Clemens von Bönninghausen in particular. The archives also hold the records of international and national homoeopaths’ organisations.”

<http://www.igm-bosch.de/content/language2/html/10306.asp>

Canada: IVC Journal Integrated Veterinary Care by Shelly Epstein, DVM, CVH (2013)

“Homeopathic remedies, even at high dilutions, contain nanoparticles (NPs) of the starting substances under transmission electron microscopy.”

“These NPs are super-potent forms of their source material with multiple properties distinct from those of their original bulk forms. NPs can penetrate membranes easily to enter the blood and lymph nodes and can even pass through the blood-brain barrier.”

“The cells perceive very low doses of these NPs as hormetins, mild or low intensity stressors that stimulate a cascade of adaptive responses in the cells and across the entire organism. The emergent result is a self-organized healing response.”

<http://ivcjournal.com/homeopathy-a-200-year-old-nanomedicine/>

Science Direct, Pulmonary and Therapeutics, Homeopathic medicine for acute cough in upper respiratory tract infections and acute bronchitis: A randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial, Alessandro Zanasi et al (2013)

“We concluded that the homeopathic syrup employed in the study was able to effectively reduce cough severity and sputum viscosity, thereby representing a valid remedy for the management of acute cough induced by URTIs.”

<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1094553913001259>

European Coalition on Homeopathic & Anthroposophic Medicinal Products (2015)

EU Policy and Legislation:

<http://www.echamp.eu/eu-policy-and-regulation>

BioMed Central, Multidisciplinary Respiratory Medicine, Does additional antimicrobial treatment have a better effect on URTI cough resolution than homeopathic symptomatic therapy alone? A real-life preliminary observational study in a pediatric population, Alessandro Zanasi et al (2015)

“Our data confirm that the homeopathic treatment in question has potential benefits for cough in children as well, and highlight the strong safety profile of this treatment. Additional antibiotic prescription was not associated with a greater cough reduction, and presented more adverse events than the homeopathic syrup alone.”

<http://mrmjournal.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s40248-015-0022-3>

CAMDOC Alliance (European Committee for Homeopathy, European Council of Doctors for Plurality in Medicine, International Council of Medical Acupuncture and Related Techniques, International Federation of Anthroposophic Medical Associations) (2015)

“Approximately 45,000 medical doctors in Europe have taken training and education in homeopathy. Many more doctors in Europe prescribe homeopathic medicines without any homeopathic training: approximately 25-40 % of the GPs from time to time, 6-8 % of them on a more regular basis.”

“The European Union has recognized homeopathic medicines as medicinal products. All EU Member States are obliged to register homeopathic medicines pursuant to Directive 2001/82/EC (veterinary use) and 2001/83/EC (human use) - amended by Directive 2004/28/EC and Directive 2004/27/EC respectively - on the Community Code relating to medicinal products.”

http://www.camdoc.eu/Survey/Results_HOM.html

Italy: ANSA en, General News, One in six Italians use homeopathy (2016)

“One in six Italians use homeopathic medicine at least once a year, research by health sector research institute DoxaPharma showed on Tuesday.

The study also showed that about 20,000 doctors in Italy recommend the use of homeopathy, a system in which patients are treated with small doses of a substance that would in larger amounts lead to symptoms of illness in healthy people.”

http://www.ansa.it/english/news/general_news/2016/02/23/one-in-six-italians-use-homeopathy_071cefb8-28c0-4cca-beb8-b56f688c88f4.html

Indian Journal of Research in Homeopathy, Review Article, The contribution of homeogenomic and homeogenetic studies in the support of the practice of Homeopathy, Kay P H, Khuda-Bukhsh A R (2016)

Homeogenomic studies have confirmed the postulate that homeopathic remedies have the capacity to rearrange the transcriptome. The results of many homeogenomic studies are beginning to identify the gene targeting specificities of a number of homeopathic remedies.

<http://www.ijrh.org/article.asp?issn=0974-7168;year=2016;volume=10;issue=2;spage=101;epage=107;aulast=Kay>

Swiss Government: The Federal Council, Complementary medicine is to be equated with other specialties (2016)

“Since 2012, compulsory health insurance (OKP, basic health insurance) is provisionally supplemented by the medical services of anthroposophic medicine, traditional Chinese medicine, homeopathy and phytotherapy by 2017.”

<https://www.admin.ch/gov/de/start/dokumentation/medienmitteilungen.msg-id-61140.html>