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DAWN RAID BY ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) enforcement officers today raided a residential premises in Chichester, West Sussex. In conjunction with uniformed police they seized 1,700 Kamagra tablets which had an estimated value of £5,000. Kamagra is a pill used to treat erectile dysfunction in men and is unlicensed in the UK.

MHRA officers discovered that the drug was being illegally advertised for sale, they launched an investigation which resulted in this morning's successful operation. "Our legal team will now prepare summonses under the Medicines Act. This investigation and subsequent actions clearly demonstrates our commitment to safeguard public health. It is essential that medicines for human use are sold safely and licensed correctly", said Danny Lee Frost, Head of Enforcement.

Consumers who are concerned as to whether or not a particular drug is bonafide, can contact the MHRA on 020 7084 2000.

The main aim of the MHRA is to safeguard public health by ensuring that medicines for human use, sold or supplied in the UK are of an acceptable standard of safety, quality and efficacy and ensuring that medical devices meet appropriate standards of safety.

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Notes to Editor: Updates on this case will be provided over the next few months.