



Ref HF –A&C-05-09

Date 11 May 2009

## **HAMILTON FRASER FROWNS ON DIY BOTOX KIT**

Hamilton Fraser, specialists in professional indemnity insurance for the aesthetic medicine industry, was shocked to hear the news that a Botox kit had been listed on global online auction site eBay.

An investigation carried out by Which? Computing found a pack containing Botox powder, needles and a face map being sold without a prescription. The pack was available for £62 but eBay withdrew the advert as soon as they were contacted by Which? Magazine.

Eddie Hooker, CEO of Hamilton Fraser, said:

*“The listing of a DIY Botox Kit on eBay raises significant safety and legal issues. Botulinum toxin should be administered by a clinically trained professional and should certainly not be made available to anyone who has not had a consultation. If something was to go wrong the patient would be unable to pursue a claim for damages.*

*All clinical medical professionals insured by Hamilton Fraser will have peace of mind that they are covered should anything ever go wrong. This also give patients confidence that their practitioner is sufficiently trained and has met the requirements of an insurance company”.*

Sally Taber, Director of Independent Healthcare Advisory Services, who is at the forefront of establishing a self regulation regime for the use of Botulinum toxins and dermal fillers, commented:

# News Release



*"It is exceptionally dangerous for people to buy Botox kits and administer the treatment themselves. Botulinum toxin should only be administered by clinicians who have the appropriate qualifications to make a safe assessment of the suitability of the treatment. This includes registered dentists, doctors and adult registered nurses."*

For more information on insurance cover provided by Hamilton Fraser call **0845 310 6300** or visit [www.hamiltonfraser.co.uk](http://www.hamiltonfraser.co.uk).

Or to find out about the self regulation standards for injectable cosmetic treatments go to [www.independenthealthcare.org.uk](http://www.independenthealthcare.org.uk)

**--ENDS--**

Issued by Hamilton Fraser Insurance

For Further information please contact Natalie Mifsud (Marketing and Communications) on 0845 310 6340 or [natalie.mifsud@hamiltonfraser.co.uk](mailto:natalie.mifsud@hamiltonfraser.co.uk)

## Notes to Editors

1. Hamilton Fraser Insurance is a trading name of HFIS plc. HFIS plc are authorised and regulated by the Financial Services Authority.
2. For general information about Hamilton Fraser Insurance visit our web site at [www.hamiltonfraser.co.uk](http://www.hamiltonfraser.co.uk) or telephone on 0845 310 6330