Society for Endocrinology – Media Release

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SfE reaction to announcement on libel reform

The Society is delighted to hear that the Government will be reforming the libel laws, as announced in the Queen's Speech.

Professor Ashley Grossman, President of the Society for Endocrinology, said:

“The Society for Endocrinology welcomes the announcement in the Queen’s Speech that the Government will be reforming the current libel laws and protecting freedom of speech. It is essential that clinicians and researchers are able to openly discuss and debate new scientific findings, and in particular new clinical research, without fear of prosecution. Through questioning and examining new research in detail, we can advance our understanding of scientific issues and bring improvements to public health and patient care. It is now imperative that Libel Reform Campaign partners keep up the hard work to ensure this new Bill is fit for purpose and meets the needs of all parties involved.”

For more information on the libel reform campaign, please click on the links below:

Libel Reform Campaign

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Notes for editors:

The Society for Endocrinology is UK’s largest national organisation promoting endocrinology and hormone awareness. For general information, please visit our website: www.endocrinology.org

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