

Castle Craig clinic: Romania has not legalised medical marijuana, only one mouth spray in EU contains cannabis

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Romania doesn't allow the use of marijuana to treat several diseases and no laws have been changed to allow substances from this plant, according to a statement from Castle Craig clinic.

Following Romanian and international media reports that Romania has allowed the use of medical marijuana, Castle Craig clinic contacted Romania's Antidrug Agency and the National Agency of Medicines within the Ministry of Health.

Referring to this matter, Sorin Oprea, director of the National Antidrug Agency, said:

"There is no legislative change or draft law on allowing the medical use of marijuana and no medicine containing substances from cannabis was not approved on the pharmaceutical market in Romania."

Castle Craig clinics also contacted Anca Crupariu, press officer for the National Agency for Medicines, which stated:

"There is only one medicine in the European Union that contains cannabis extract, namely oral spray Sativex. This spray was approved by the EU, is used in several member states and might be authorized in Romania if the manufacturer wants it. However, we haven't been contacted in this matter."

Recent information reported by Romanian PROTV News showed that Romania has become the tenth country in the European Union to allow the use of medical marijuana to treat diseases such as epilepsy, cancer and multiple sclerosis.

According to that information, marijuana wasn't supposed to be used as a drug, for recreational purposes, but certain compounds of the plant would have been used to help decrease pain and the frequency of dramatic seizures.

Castle Craig is a rehab clinic established in 1988 in Scotland. The clinic treats alcohol and drug addiction, among others. The clinic's services have also been available in Romania since 2011.

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