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HOUSE OF COMMONS
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New Constituent,

RE: KADCYLA.

Thank you for your recent correspondence in respect of the use of Kadcylla.

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the debate on the 26th January 2017, but I am aware that the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) is currently updating its guidance on the use of Kadcylla as a treatment for secondary breast cancer.

I know that people with cancer place great importance on drugs that can increase their life expectancy, and therefore, NICE applies as much flexibility as it can when looking at new life-extending treatments. Unfortunately, NICE has previously found that the price being charged for Kadcylla by the pharmaceutical company which manufactures it was too high in relation to the benefits it gives for it to be recommended for routine commissioning in the NHS.

Draft updated NICE guidance on Kadcylla have been published for consultation and NICE's final guidance is expected in March 2017. Kadcylla will continue to be available through the Cancer Drugs Fund while the NICE appraisal is ongoing.

You might also be aware that I work closely with the terrific 'Crazy Hats' charity locally, which does so much to support those suffering from breast cancer, and their families, and you can be assured that I will continue to follow this issue closely and relay your concerns to Ministers.

Once again, thank you for having taken the time to contact me and if I can ever be of any further assistance to you then please do not hesitate to contact me again.

with best wishes,

Tom

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