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HOUSE OF COMMONS
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RE: ANTHONY NOLAN'S 'WHO CARES?' CAMPAIGN.

Thank you for your recent correspondence in respect of stem cell, post-transplant treatment.

I welcome the vital work undertaken by Anthony Nolan. Unfortunately, due to prior parliamentary commitments, I will be unable to go to the 'Who Cares?' drop-in event on Wednesday 11th October.

However, I do believe that aiding recovery should be a high priority. I am happy to note that, as of February 2017, NHS England has confirmed that it will fund second stem cell transplants for patients who suffer relapses following a first transplant. As I understand, the commissioning of post-operative care, to enable a swift and effective recovery, is the responsibility of local health commissioners. I am aware that a large number of hospitals, although not all, offer an enhanced recovery programme for those who have received major surgery, to help patients enjoy a speedy and successful recovery. I believe this service should be offered to all post-transplant patients.

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,

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