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*Jean Contrevent,*

**RE: BREAST CANCER CARE - ACCESS TO TRODELVY**

Thank you for your recent correspondence in respect of breast cancer, specifically referring to access to Trodelvy. I have read your comments on this issue with interest.

Please be assured that every effort is being made to continue raising awareness of breast cancer and to improve the treatment of all those diagnosed with this disease.

I understand your frustration that Sacituzumab Govitecan, also known as Trodelvy, is not yet available in our country and that is why I am pleased that we have moved closer to that point now that Trodelvy has been licensed through Project Orbis for use in the UK. The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) is responsible for developing guidance for individual medicines and following discussions with Gilead, the manufacturer of Trodelvy, NICE has been able to accelerate its appraisal and now expects to issue guidance in June 2022, with draft guidance expected in April 2022.

More generally, I'm delighted that breast cancer survival rates have improved remarkably over the last 40 years, with five-year survival rates for women at over 86 percent, up from just 53 percent in the 1970s. This is a testament to the efforts made to raise awareness of, and boosting funding into tackling, this disease, but more must be done.

Great efforts are being made to improve cancer services and to ensure that the NHS continues to provide some of the world's best cancer care. The NHS Long Term Plan (LTP), published in 2019, commits to improving detection, with more targeted screening and Rapid Access Diagnostic Centres, so that in 10 years' time these measures will help achieve 55,000 more people surviving cancer each year. Furthermore, the LTP outlines that, where appropriate, every person diagnosed with all types of cancer, including those with secondary cancers, should have access to personalised care by March 2022.

I congratulate Breast Cancer Now and Breast Cancer Care for all of their tireless work raising awareness of breast cancer and I hope that you will consider this to be a welcome update.

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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