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HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

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Dear Constituent,

RE: WALDENSTRÖM'S MACROGLOBULINAEMIA

Thank you for contacting me about NHS commissioning of stem cell transplants for patients with Waldenström's Macroglobulinaemia (WM).

In 2013, NHS England published criteria for the routine commissioning of stem cell transplants. It does not include stem cell treatment of WM which has not been routinely commissioned by NHS England.

Any stem cell transplants for WM patients that have been carried out are accessed by funding schemes, such as Individual Funding Requests which are designed to help patients who are clinically exceptional or critically urgent.

Advances in clinical practice led to the addition of stem cell treatment for WM being added to guidance by the British Society for Blood and Bone Marrow Transplantation.

The Clinical Priorities Advisory Group (CPAG) reviews proposals for new drugs and treatments for specialised NHS services in England. The CPAG recently considered a proposal to introduce the routine commissioning of stem cell transplants. It was one of eighteen new treatments and services that were provisionally identified as affordable within the available NHS resources for this category of treatments.

The High Court has recently ruled that NHS England has the legal power to commission Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP). NHS England has appealed the judgment and the case was heard in September. It is unclear when the court's decision will be released and I am therefore unable to comment on commissioning decisions at this stage.

If NHS England loses its appeal, then the prioritisation process will be rerun to include PrEP and stem cell transplants for patients with WM will be reconsidered as part of this process.

NHS England has carried out a consultation on its PrEP proposition. By consulting now, NHS England has taken action to avoid any further delay to the process in which PrEP will be considered as a consequence of ongoing legal action.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeremy Quin'.