

Thank you for your invitation to the Bone Cancer Research Trust, to submit one final comment for this Wednesday's meeting.

There are 3 points I should like to make on behalf of BCRT.

1. We hope that the Committee will consider the full implications of the positive, recent decision by the Scottish Medicines Consortium which reverses its previous opinion on Mifamurtide. We urge NICE to also be positive and not to create a divided Britain for patients, based on place of residence.

2. The 3rd. and 4th. meetings of the Committee discussed the social benefits of Mifamurtide in improving the survival rates of young patients to give them increased chances of a "normal" span of years of life expectancy. We would like to extend this by linking the economic

benefits which their years in work will bring to the economy in terms of income tax receipts by HMRC; spending in the wider economy; and the chances to create and enjoy a family which, in turn, bring their own economic benefits.

3. Again, at the 3rd. and 4th. meetings, the Committee heard from Callum Flynn, and I know were very impressed by his passion for cricket. Since the last meeting, Callum has been selected for the England Physical Disability Cricket Team and turned out for them on 7th. August against the British Army Development XI. He was the highest scorer with 79 from 94 balls in a total of 266. England PD won by 2 runs!

The point is that surviving osteosarcoma (or indeed any primary bone cancer) can yield great accomplishments and contributions, not only for the individual but for the common good. Way back at the 1st. and 2nd. meetings, the Committee heard respectively from Sally Hurst and Hannah Millington. Both ladies continue to contribute actively - Sally as a Radio Journalist & Mother; Hannah as a Police Officer.

The Committee's decision at their upcoming 5th. meeting could give even more patients of the future, the chance of accomplishment and contribution as well a greater life expectancy.

I look forward to meeting you on the 17th.

Kind regards,

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