

As requested by Eloise.

From: Carolyn Rogers
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To: 'eloise.saile@nice.org.uk'
Cc: Lizzie Magnusson
Subject: Lapatinib appraisal consultation document comments

Dear Eloise

Please see below my comments re the above as one of the nominated patient experts from Breast Cancer Care. The joint statement from this organisation and others as listed below will be sent to you on Monday. I have seen the draft of the statement and as I am now on annual leave for 2 weeks am submitting my statement prior to you receiving their final copy.

‘As one of the patient experts nominated by Breast Cancer Care I would like to echo the comments made in the joint statement issued by this organisation together with Breakthrough Breast Cancer, Breast Cancer Campaign and Macmillan Cancer Support (merged with Cancerbackup in April 2008). Whilst the outcome of this appraisal is disappointing, I recognise that for this small but significant group of patients any treatment option should be proven to be safe, effective and well evidenced. It is encouraging to see that further research is proposed including the identification of potential subgroups that may benefit from lapatinib, in particular the evaluation of the incidence of brain metastases.’

Thank you

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