

Dear Chris

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Appraisal Consultation Document (ACD) for the above appraisal.

I wish to confirm that the Department of Health has no substantive comments to make, regarding this consultation.

However, we do support NICE's ongoing appraisal of new treatments for chronic hepatitis B but believe that these should be looked at together, along with the existing NICE guidance on treatment of chronic hepatitis B and clinical management guidelines produced.

With best wishes