Thanks for asking me to comment on this consultation. In response to your specific questions I have the following comments.

As this medication is likely to be used in primary care and the costs of the drugs are likely to sit within the primary care prescribing budget – this cost is likely to come from NHS commissioning budgets as historically with primary care prescribing it has been very hard to disentangle 'public health defined prescribing in primary care' from other NHS prescribing. With regards to the Psychosocial support for alcohol dependency – this is already commissioned by Local Authority public health.

In conclusion I see no reason why local areas can't comply with the recommendations in this appraisal within 3 months of its publication.

Regards

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