Open letter of support from The Migraine Trust

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To whom it may concern

Re: Access to Migraine Treatments

The Migraine Trust is the health and medical research charity for migraine in the United Kingdom. We fund research, provide evidence-based information, campaign for and support people affected by migraine.

Migraine is a complex neurological condition with a wide variety of symptoms. It is highly prevalent and can be extremely disabling. Migraine is ranked globally as the seventh most disabling disease among all diseases (responsible for 2.9% of all years of life lost to disability/YLDs) and the leading cause of disability among all neurological disorders (Steiner TJ et al JHP 2013)

The Migraine Trust supports the use of clinical treatments with a good quality evidence base that are recommended by a suitably qualified health professional for the treatment of migraine. We welcome new treatment options to help management of the condition and improve the quality of life of those affected. Neurologists with a special interest in headache are best placed to provide clinical judgment in individual cases where questions about suitability and funding arise. Funding for treatment should not be determined by where the patient lives and receives their NHS care.

For further information about migraine please visit www.migrainetrust.org or contact the Advocacy Service on 020 7631 6973 / advocacy@migrainetrust.org.

Yours sincerely,

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