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Dear Janet,

Thank you for your letter of 18 April regarding the Petition P-05-797 to ensure access to cystic fibrosis Medicine, Orkambi®.

I note the Committee's suggestion of crown use licencing; this would be a matter for the UK Government. It was discussed in the House of Commons in February and several issues were noted. The transcript of the debate can be viewed at:

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2019-02-04/debates/12C071ED-9463-4502-8625-89B910AD12F5/Orkambi>

I wrote to the manufacturer Vertex in September to encourage them to submit evidence about Orkambi® to the All Wales Medicines Strategy Group for appraisal. I would urge you and the other Committee members to do likewise.

Yours sincerely,

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