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# Fibrosis a fight we must win

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Dear Mr Lem,

Access to Orkambi in the UK

20,000 people signed our petition calling on pharmaceutical companies and the NHS across all four nations of the UK to ensure that beneficial treatments like Orkambi are available to people with cystic fibrosis as soon as possible.

This afternoon we are presenting our petition to 10 Downing Street and we are calling on you, as the manufacturer of Orkambi, to work with the NHS and reach an agreement so people can receive the treatment.

The phenomenal response to the petition demonstrates the strength of feeling from our community on this issue. We, therefore, urge you to explore all avenues to make this treatment available, and hope you will consider how innovative and collaborative solutions can support the NHS to invest in new cystic fibrosis therapies.

The interests of those affected by cystic fibrosis must be the single focus of all discussions on this issue and we expect you, the NHS and all relevant organisations to do the right thing in order to meet them.

Yours sincerely,



Ed Owen  
Chief Executive