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**No, none.**

**Comments on Bortezomib Monotherapy for Relapsed Multiple Myeloma**

I welcome the provisional recommendations of the ACD for Bortezomib. Use of Bortezomib as second line treatment will result in an initial increase in costs in Northern Ireland where it is currently used as a third line treatment. Bortezomib will be used earlier in the course of each patient's disease. We now need some estimate of what these costs might be for the myeloma population in N Ireland. I think the "rebate scheme" is a reasonable way to contain costs.