I would like to respond to the NICE consultation via you, if I still have time?

I was on infliximab for about 3 years and this worked extremely well for me. I tried numerous (apparently exhausted all of them) other medication prior to this and had a reaction to all of them steroids caused me to have arthritis so this hindered my recovery also.

After about 2 years I had a new consultant and she decided infliximab was not a good drug to be on and immediately took me off, I was severely dehydrated within 2 days, of when my next infusion was due, my crp went up to 480 and I was hospitalised immediately. I saw a different consultant who placed me straight back on infliximab within 3 days my crp was back to normal and all symptoms had disappeared.

After another year the infliximab was losing effect so I then went on to humira fortnightly, this has now been working perfectly for about 3 years.

Without these I can honestly say due to me being allergic to the other drugs I probably would not be able to survive normal life.

When I am ill I am on the toilet every 15 minutes and suffer such severe cramps thay I cannot even leave the house. I lose a couple of stone in weight each time. As you can imagine this impacts my work and home life and it certainly knocks your confidence and self esteem.

I personally cannot live without this medication, and would never want to.

Thank you

Many thanks and best wishes.