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Thank you for sending the Assessment Report to us.

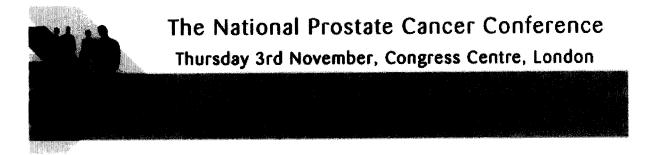
We welcome the clear acknowledgement that Docetaxel plus prednisolone is the most effective treatment for men with mHRPC. We are concerned however that the NHS is provided with a financial 'let out' based on the cost per QALY. This raises concerns about eh nature of the final appraisal and response of men with mHRPC to it. As the drug is the only one that extends life for these men, and has quality of life benefits as well, there will be considerable public and patient concern that it may be sidelined for economic reasons. The economic model needs to be interrogated fully to make sure that its assumptions really are defendable. As high cost drugs may be becoming the norm there has to be some organised thinking about how to mange those demands in the future.

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