

Breast cancer drug approved for use in Wales

Roche has now agreed with NHS Wales the same commercial access agreement as NHS England. This means that Welsh patients with certain types of advanced breast cancer will be able to benefit from the treatment.

The Welsh Government's £80 million New Treatment Fund has been designed to ensure new medicines such as Kadcyła® can be made available as soon as possible, and certainly within two months of the recommendation from NICE.

Health Secretary, Vaughan Gething, said:

"I am very pleased to be able to announce that Kadcyła® has been approved for use in Wales following negotiations with the manufacturer.

"We are committed to improving the introduction of innovative, evidence-based, treatments, which is why we've introduced an £80 million treatment fund in Wales. The fund will be used to ensure patients get fast-access to this innovative, life-prolonging drug."