

Sharon Hodgson response to Scottish Medicines Consortium's decision to provide Kadcyła and PrEP on the NHS

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Hodgson MP, Shadow Minister for Public Health, commenting on the Scottish Medicines Consortium's decision to provide Kadcyła and PrEP on the NHS, said:

"It is welcoming to see that both Kadcyła and PrEP will now be funded by the NHS in Scotland, after the concerted campaigning of different organisations and individuals who will benefit directly by these drugs now being made accessible.

"These decisions are game-changing. Not only in the fact that they will help the many people in Scotland who rely upon these drugs, but also by highlighting a failure to act here in England, where Kadcyła has been provisionally rejected by NICE and is now under review and PrEP, which faced a long, drawn-out court battle, is going through yet another trial.

"These announcements must make NHS England and Jeremy Hunt sit up and listen. We need concerted action to ensure we don't see disparities in the drug treatments on offer in Scotland and England. The Tory Government should be doing all they can to provide access to these treatments for those who need them."