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Dear Henrietta,

Thank you for your continued work to further this important issue since the publication of the Hughes report. I'm pleased that your meeting with Minister Ahmed was productive and I am keen that we continue to deliver the non-financial elements of redress that you rightly highlighted in your report.

It is vital that we address the needs of current patients with clinical requirements, which we are doing via three principal avenues. My department is working with NHS England to provide urgent improvements, firstly to clinical services and treatments, secondly to support further research and development on remaining knowledge gaps, and thirdly longer-term preventative measures, to help ensure the NHS responds better to sodium valproate and pelvic mesh in the future.

I agree, however, that those affected have waited a long time for answers on financial redress, and I hope my discussion with Lise McNally at ITV demonstrates my determination to make progress on responding to this issue. I am continuing to work across government on this and will keep you updated on progress.

We hope to provide a full response to your recommendations as soon as possible. I have asked Minister Ahmed to work with you closely as we take forward this work and keep you updated, including on any future decisions regarding financial redress.

I hope this provides clarification of the present position and to reiterate that I am determined to respond to your report at the earliest opportunity within this parliament.

Yours ever,

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