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Consultation title: **NHS PRESCRIPTION CHARGES AND EXEMPTION ARRANGEMENTS**

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- Yes
No

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Dear Ms Runciman,

The purpose of this letter is to give you my opinions on the consultation papers regarding the review of NHS prescription charges and exemption arrangements.

I shall start with 4.1.4 - Review of Exemptions Related to Medical Conditions.

Since the original list was drawn up in 1968, Medical Science has developed along the way.

As a kidney transplant recipient, I, along with other transplant patients (for eg kidney, heart and liver etc) take immuno-suppressant and steroids on a daily basis. By not doing so the transplant would reject ie fail.

I would describe this as a chronic condition as a patient has effectively no choice but to take this medication.

The other point I would like to make relates to 4.2.15 and 16.

If a person has to pay charges they feel they should have the option to pay monthly, say by Direct Debit, as this would spread the cost throughout the year. Probably option 4.2.27 would benefit people in a position similar to my own.

If you wish to contact me about the contents of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your time.

Yours faithfully

Stephen James