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Mr Derek Scott
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Dear Derek

Thank you for your letter of 30 January 2007.

Firstly, I apologise for not replying sooner to your letter of 19 November 2006.

I have been in the process of setting up a meeting with the ABPI. As you will be aware from the various correspondence sent to my office from Ministers they are dragging their heels over the strong evidence regarding Seroxat.

The meeting with ABPI is expected to go ahead on 2 March 2007 where I will be raising a number of the issues brought to light in previous correspondence and that contained in the recent Panorama programme of 29 January 2007.

I will of course be in direct contact with you after the meeting with ABPI.

I have written again to the health minister to emphasise the point you make; ***"the reanalysis of SSRI antidepressants by the FDA in 2006 which suggested a 6 fold increase in the risk of suicidal thoughts and acts in children and a 3 fold increase in the risk of such serious adverse drug reactions in adults..."*** Again, you go onto quote that this should ***"herald a complete ban of Seroxat and a reanalysis of other medicines of the SSRI class by an independent agency out-with the CSM or MHRA"***.

This reanalysis, in my view, adds significant weight to our previous calls on a moratorium to new patients.

I can assure you that I will do everything I can to press the Department of Health in terms of;

- a) Taking the issue of Seroxat seriously
- b) Looking at the workings of MHRA in terms of its closeness to the industry as a whole

As stated above, I will be in further contact with you following the ABPI meeting.



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Yours sincerely

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