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Dear Ms Wood

Thank you for your letter of 26 June, offering me an opportunity to respond to comments made by Mrs Lyon, Chair of the Association for Children Damaged by HPTs, on 20 May 2019. In my capacity as Chair of the Expert Working Group (EWG) on Hormone Pregnancy Tests (HPTs), as previously, I have asked the MHRA to respond to any issues relating to its secretariat function.

As Mrs Lyon has said in Passage 4, on one occasion she sent evidence directly to members of the EWG. I was advised that direct contact between Mrs Lyon as Chair of the Association for Children Damaged by HPTs, and the EWG members could be perceived to breach the conflict of interest policy and compromise the integrity of the review. It was agreed that any further exchanges should be through the secretariat.

I have addressed all other issues raised by the Chair of the Association for Children Damaged by HPTs in my response to the evidence provided by Mrs Lyon, dated 1<sup>st</sup> May<sup>1</sup>, and in the evidence we provided at the oral hearing<sup>2</sup>.

Thank you again for providing the opportunity to respond.

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<sup>1</sup> [http://immdsreview.org.uk/downloads/HPT%20EWG%20response%2001052019\\_redacted.pdf](http://immdsreview.org.uk/downloads/HPT%20EWG%20response%2001052019_redacted.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xdArifKWcHA&feature=youtu.be>

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