

## **Sophie Hibburd**

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**From:** Sue Lynn Lau  
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**To:** Sophie Hibburd  
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Dear Sir/madam,

I would like to make a comment on the Transparency Model - Consultation and Discussion Paper, section 5.4 - starter packs. Pharmaceutical companies frequently provide insulin and exenatide to endocrinologists. This is extremely useful for the patient, as they are able to trial a medication for a short period (1-2 weeks) before deciding whether it works for them. They are given a sample that may last up to 1 month, rather than buying a whole box on script, potentially only to find after a week or so, that it is not suitable. I would advocate that this practice be allowed to continue for the benefit of the patients, especially those with financial limitations. It is particularly relevant to glucose-lowering medications, which, unlike statins or antihypertensives, do work differently for different patient circumstances, and often need to be trialled for short periods before review and long-term prescription.

thanks for your consideration,

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