

**Subject: URGENT: The Rare Cancers Bill is at risk – we need your help**

Dear

As your constituent, I'm urging you to declare your support for the Rare Cancers Bill, introduced by Dr Scott Arthur MP, by attending its third reading on **Friday 11 July at 10am**.

An amendment has been tabled that may trigger a vote. If there are not enough MPs present, the Bill risks falling – a devastating outcome after so much progress.

This transformational Bill would improve access to clinical trials for people living with rare and less common cancers, which make up 47% of UK cancer diagnoses and 55% of cancer deaths, yet remain significantly under-researched.

Other countries have taken measures to incentivise pharmaceutical companies to invest in clinical trials for rare cancers and the UK has fallen behind.

This means that rare cancer patients in the UK are missing out on potentially life-saving clinical trials, with a recent survey showing that 82% of those with rare and less common cancers were not consulted on joining a [clinical trial](#).

This Bill offers new hope for those diagnosed with rare cancers, with a plan to incentivise new, cutting-edge research.

The Rare Cancers Bill will:

1. Appoint a named responsible lead for the delivery of rare cancer research, providing greater accountability, facilitating collaboration and long-term coordination for the UK's research landscape.
2. Commit the Government to review the UK's Orphan Drug Regulations, examining what can be done to improve the regulations to support the development of treatments for rare cancer treatments.
3. Ensuring that patients can be easily contacted about relevant research and clinical trials, thereby improving access to trials and the quality of trials in the UK.

As your constituent, I strongly believe that supporting this Bill is a crucial step toward improving outcomes for those affected by rare cancers. I urge you to represent the voices of those living with these devastating conditions and declare yourself supportive of the Rare Cancers Bill.

Please CC [RareCancersBill@h-advisors.global](mailto:RareCancersBill@h-advisors.global) in your outreach, as they are tracking which MPs are supporting the Bill.

Yours sincerely,