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Dear Jereny

Thank you for your letter of 1 July about the establishment of an independent commission to address the urgent need internationally to stimulate investment in the development of new antibiotics.

Antibiotics are unquestionably one of the major medical advances over the last century and much of modern medicine depends on their availability. In the UK, we are committed to measures that will ensure that available antibiotics are used wisely. However, the rise in resistance worldwide intensifies the need for governments internationally to work together to encourage and support the pharmaceutical industry in re-engaging in the development of an antibiotic pipeline that will save lives for future generations.

I am therefore very supportive of the UK leading international efforts to stimulate investment in the development of new antibiotics.

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