



Susan Bewley MA MD FRCOG
Professor of Complex Obstetrics, KCL
c/o Division of Women's Health KCL
Women's Health Academic Centre, King's Health Partners (KHP)
10th floor North Wing, St Thomas' Hospital
Westminster Bridge Rd
London SE1 7EH

Cancer Research UK
Angel Building
407 St John Street
London EC1V 4AD
United Kingdom
T 020 7242 0200
www.cruk.org

7th October 2014

Dear Susan,

Thank you for your email of 25th Sept regarding the Age Extension trial of the national breast screening programme.

You essentially ask whether the 'approval' for this trial as stated in the 2012 report by the independent panel was purely 'in principle' or specific to any particular protocol. Sir Michael Marmot and the other panel members confirm the former.

The panel's 'approval' as stated in their report - p2225 in BJC version - was given in principle, not having seen the details of the Age Extension trial: "The panel supports the principle of the ongoing trial in the United Kingdom for randomising women under age 50 and above age 70 to be invited for breast screening." As the Panel is disbanded it will not make formal collective comments on this or other issues arising from the Report.

I hope this answers your questions satisfactorily.

Kind regards,

Sara Hiom,

Secretariat for and on behalf of Sir Michael Marmot
and the Independent Breast Screening Review Panel.