

### **Following our meeting ( planned with Wes Streeting )**

Dr Zubir Ahmed, Health Innovation and Safety Minister said:

*"I want to thank Susannah Martin and fellow campaigners for their remarkable courage in shedding light on the significant and lasting harm caused by DES.*

*"Despite women continuing to endure the devastating impacts of the drug a generation on, this issue has been ignored for decades, and health professionals have been unaware of the impacts of DES and the support that should be offered to those exposed for too long.*

*"As I discussed with Susannah today, this government has worked with cancer alliances to ensure NHS clinicians are aware of the impacts of DES and NHS screening guidance. We're also exploring the need for further clinical guidelines and what can be done to boost research into the long-term and generational impacts of this drug, which will help inform what further action is required."*

### **Following our in person meeting in Birmingham of the group:**

*A Department of Health and Social Care Spokesperson said: "For too long, GPs and other health professionals have been unaware of the impacts of DES and support that should be offered to those exposed, despite so many women continuing to endure its devastating impacts a generation on."*

*"This government has gripped this issue by alerting cancer alliances to ensure NHS clinicians are aware of the impacts of DES and NHS screening guidance*

*"Last month, Minister Ahmed met with DES campaigner Susannah Martin to discuss what more we can do to support women exposed, including the need for further clinical guidance and boosting research on the long-term harms of the drug."*