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Allison Gardner MP Hosts Roundtable to Tackle Chronic UTI Crisis

Allison Gardner MP for Stoke-on-Trent South, convened a pivotal roundtable discussion, marking the first significant push in her dedicated campaign to secure better diagnosis and treatment for individuals suffering from chronic Urinary Tract Infections (cUTIs). The landmark event brought together a diverse group of stakeholders, including leading medical professionals, researchers, patient advocates, and affected individuals, to address the urgent and often debilitating challenges posed by this overlooked condition.

The roundtable served as a crucial platform for open dialogue, highlighting the profound impact cUTIs have on patients' lives and the systemic barriers within the current healthcare landscape. Discussions focused on the urgent need for recognition of this condition, improved diagnosis, including more accurate testing beyond traditional dipstick tests, and the development of effective, long-term treatment protocols that move beyond short-course antibiotics.

"Today's roundtable is a critical first step in what will be a sustained and relentless fight for those living with chronic UTIs," stated Allison Gardner MP. "Women have been dismissed, misdiagnosed, and left to suffer in silence. The stories shared, and the expertise brought to the table by our dedicated stakeholders, highlight the urgent need for a complete overhaul in how cUTIs are understood, diagnosed, and treated within our NHS."

"I am a sufferer too and I know that this isn't just about physical pain; it's about lives disrupted, careers halted, and mental health severely impacted," Allison added. "The current system is failing these patients, and that is simply unacceptable. This roundtable is the beginning of a concerted effort to ensure that everyone suffering from a chronic UTI receives the accurate diagnosis and effective, compassionate care they deserve. The cost of cUTIs to the NHS is astounding too, over 50% of sepsis cases seen in children, women and the elderly are due to a UTI."

Allison is dedicated to her commitment to bringing the voices of cUTI sufferers to the forefront of parliamentary debate and driving tangible change.

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