Question for written answer E-012076/2015 to the Commission Rule 130 Hugues Bayet (S&D)

Subject: Incorrect implementation of health directive

Addressing a seminar in Parliament, Yann Le Cam, CEO of Eurordis, expressed his concern at the lack of funding for proper implementation of healthcare provisions, referring in particular to shortcomings regarding cross-border healthcare and the availability of certain advanced treatments and paediatric medicines for patients suffering from rare disorders. In his view, the real problem lay with the implementation of existing legislation.

The truth is that sufferers of rare disorders are sometimes forced to go to another country for suitable treatment, an eventuality provided for under the directive. However, the Member States are not altogether happy with this and have accordingly imposed a number of restrictions.

Although the matter is still under review in the ENVI Committee, can the Commission nevertheless indicate what the measures are being taken to improve the lives those suffering from rare disorders?

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