Press statement

**Statement on Takeda UK & Ireland Leadership**

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Following the completion of the Shire acquisition, Takeda UK & Ireland is pleased to announce Jon Neal as General Manager of the combined company.

Jon has been Managing Director of Takeda UK and Ireland since May 2018, having been with the company for a decade and bringing a wealth of experience in senior roles within the UK pharmaceutical industry.

Jon has been at the forefront of Takeda’s transformation and is delighted to be leading Takeda in the UK and Ireland through this exciting new phase.

Shane Ryan has been appointed as General Manager for Ireland. Shane brings over 20 years of pharmaceutical industry experience and was recently elected to the Irish Pharmaceutical Healthcare Association (IPHA).

**Jon Neal, General Manager, Takeda UK and Ireland said:**

“We are proud of our joint heritage in the UK and are excited by what our combined company can do with and for the NHS and patients. The UK and Ireland are significant markets for Takeda and we look forward to contributing to the UK and Ireland’s world-leading life sciences industry.

Takeda’s focus will be on ensuring our integration is smooth and beneficial to our customers and patients. I look forward to working closely with colleagues, partners and the NHS, always in the best interests of patients.”

**Shane Ryan, General Manager, Takeda Ireland said:**

“We have a deep and valued heritage in Ireland. Our new combined company will be in an even stronger position to deliver true value to patients, the healthcare ecosystem and society as a whole.

I am confident we have a strong future ahead of us.”

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