

**PE1105/UUU**

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Dear Michael

**PUBLIC PETITION PE1105 ON ST MARGARET OF SCOTLAND HOSPICE**

Thank you for your letter of 24 September confirming that the Scottish Parliament's Public Petitions Committee had agreed to continue consideration of the above petition. The Committee also raises a number of questions.

The Committee asks why efforts to resolve this matter have failed. NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde and St Margaret of Scotland Hospice both agreed in 2014 to support the 'Expert determination of Accountancy Review'. St Margaret of Scotland Hospice subsequently indicated that they had concerns about the proposed process and have not been able to confirm they are content for it to proceed.

I remain keen to assist, where possible, to facilitate a potential solution that may result in early resolution of the issues raised in the above petition.

I have therefore asked officials to set up a meeting with representatives from both St Margaret of Scotland Hospice and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde to confirm their views on the options and to explore an agreed way forward. I would hope to be in a position soon after this meeting to confirm what the Scottish Government might be able to do to assist.

I hope this letter confirms our commitment to help the Petition Committee where we can.

**SHONA ROBISON**