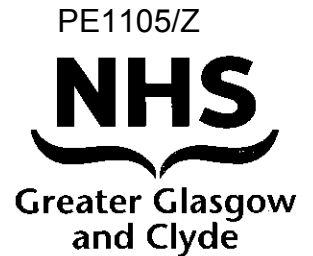


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Dear Mr Franck

PUBLIC PETITIONS COMMITTEE PE 1105

I refer to your letter of 20th May, 2009 regarding the above.

The significant issue throughout the three pieces of correspondence (PE1105V, PE1105W, PE 1005/X) relates to Hospice funding. A short life working group has been established by the government to consider this issue and both the Health Board and St Margaret's are members of that group.

Regarding the specific issue of meeting the Hospice, I met representatives of the Hospice on 25th June. Officers of the Board continue to meet with representatives of St Margaret's on an ongoing basis to discuss palliative care services.

Yours sincerely,



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c.c. Ms. Anne Harkness