

PE1495/HH

Dr Peter Gordon Letter of 2 November 2015

To: **Chris Hynd**
Committee Assistant,
Public Petitions Committee
The Scottish Parliament

Dear Mr Hynd

Scottish Parliament Public Petition PE1495

I am writing as a member of the Scottish public regarding petition PE1495. I understand that the committee will be giving further consideration to this petition on Tuesday 10th November 2015.

I would ask that my letter is shared with all on the committee before the meeting and that my letter is placed, like all other letters, in the public domain along with all other evidence supplied to the committee as regards to PE1495.

My sole intent of this letter is to rehearse Scottish Government promises to the Scottish public as regards to “transparency”.

Scotland’s First Minister said, on the day that she entered office: “I intend that we will be an open and accessible government.”



The Chief Executive, NHS Scotland and Director General, Health and Social Care (*“on his journey from cattleman to leader”*) has made his position clear:

<https://www.holyrood.com/articles/interviews/open-improvement>

“You don’t change culture by saying you want to change the culture. The way you change culture, I think, the powerful way, is to say what you value. Now I value openness and transparency.”



The Director General also gave this evidence to the Scottish Parliament:

Whistleblowing in NHS Scotland: <https://vimeo.com/140076592>

Transparency in NHS Scotland makes sense: <https://vimeo.com/140068115>

In considering petition PE1495 I would ask the committee to consider if these promises are being upheld by the Scottish Government.

Yours sincerely,

Peter J Gordon