

**PE1408/X**

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Dear Ms Robinson

I write to provide an update in respect of Petition PE1408, lodged by Mrs Andrea MacArthur which calls on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to review and overhaul the current out-dated and ineffective method of diagnosing and treating Pernicious Anaemia/VitaminB12 Deficiency.

Following on from Alan Burn's email to you of 1 October 2015, I can confirm that the guidelines are under development and we hope to be able to share a draft with the Diagnostic Steering Group for comment at their forthcoming meeting on 17 November. Once the Diagnostic Steering Group are satisfied with the draft guidelines we shall be able to share them with the Public Petitions Committee to allow the petitioner to comment.

I hope that the Committee finds this information helpful.

Yours sincerely

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