

**PE1398/O**

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Dear Ms Peat,

**Re: CONSIDERATION OF PETITION [PE1398](#), [PE1399](#) AND [PE1401](#)**

I have been asked to respond on behalf of NHS Highland to your request for information on the above petitions and specifically the request below:

“Annex D of CEL 17 (2010) sets out a specific guidance framework for NHS Boards to apply when developing a written policy for Individual Patient Treatment Requests. As part of the process NHS Boards were to have written policies in place for dealing with such Requests by 1 April 2011. Does your Board have such a policy in place, if not when do you expect to have a policy in place?”

NHS Highland has a policy in place for Individual Patient Treatment Requests. This has been in place since 30 March 2011 and has been in use since this date. It can be accessed on NHS Highland’s website at:

<http://www.nhshighland.scot.nhs.uk/Publications/Pages/ManagedEntryandUseofMedicines.aspx>.

This information was shared with the Scottish Government Health Departments in April 2011.

I hope this provides sufficient information.

Yours sincerely,

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