

**PE1399/I**

NHS Fife Letter of 8 November 2011

Dear Chris Hynd

In response to the question to NHS Boards in the Clerk's letter of 12 October 2011:

- 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?
- Answer: In line with the requirements of CEL 17 (2010), NHS Fife has a written policy on the Introduction and Availability of Newly Licenced Medicines which covers Individual Patient Treatment Requests (ITPR). This can be accessed at:

[http://www.nhsfife.scot.nhs.uk/about\\_us/corporatedocuments/policies/NLM-2.pdf](http://www.nhsfife.scot.nhs.uk/about_us/corporatedocuments/policies/NLM-2.pdf)

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