

PE1404/EE

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Dear Anne,

Public Petition PE01404 – Insulin Pump Therapy – Supplementary information

You will recall that at the meeting of the Public Petitions Committee on 14 May 2013, Michael Matheson, Minister for Public Health agreed to keep the Committee informed of NHSScotland's latest progress in the provision of insulin pump therapy.

On the 25 September an insulin pump report was provided to the Public Petitions Committee which was previously shared earlier this month with the Scottish Diabetes Group for comment and review. The Petitioner, Diabetes UK Scotland, as a member of the Scottish Diabetes Group, were also asked for their views.

Since our submission to the Public Petitions Committee we have become aware that NHS Forth Valley have reported in their draft MCN report that they have revised their trajectory to meet the commitment associated with people under the age of 18 from December 2013 to March 2014. We would therefore like to make the Committee aware of this change of circumstance ahead of their meeting on the 1 October 2013.

This is in line with the overall trajectories and the expectations as set out by the Minister in his evidence given to the Committee on 14 May.

However I would also like to take this opportunity to reassure the Committee that the Insulin Pump Improvement Team is due to meet with representatives of NHS Forth Valley to discuss their progress towards the commitment and ways to further support them in meeting the aim by December 2013.

We are happy to provide further information on the position after this meeting should the Committee find this helpful. I can be contacted on 0131 244 2573 or at tom.picher@scotland.gsi.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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