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Response to petition PE01454 - Hyperemesis Specialist Nurses

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the responses to my petition. I am disappointed with the lack of responses given and feel this highlights the need for improved care for Hyperemesis sufferers.

Firstly, I would like to respond to the comments made by Dr Marjory McLean. I was not aware of the audits that were carried out and I was also unaware of the guidelines that are now in place. Dr Marjory McLean has stated that there are guidelines put in place, by herself, in both Lanarkshire and Ayrshire and Arran but these are only available by the hospital intranet. Are all the staff working with women who have hyperemesis aware that these guidelines are in place? Are they followed by every member of staff? It is extremely important to have guidelines in place but they need to be available and followed by ALL health professionals.

It is was also stated that there were 10 hyperemesis admissions a month, I do understand that this is not a big enough number for a specialist. However, as well as these admissions, how many women were suffering from this illness at home or as an outpatient? GPs and community midwives need a point of contact when they are caring for a woman with this and a specialist or an experienced (in hyperemesis) nurse/midwife is essential.

Dr Marjory McLean also mentioned the need for patient leaflets. I fully support the need for this.

Due to the lack of information given in the other two responses, I have no comments on these.

Again, I do hope you can help with improving care for woman suffering from this debilitating condition.

Thank you

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