

The Clerk of the Public Petitions Committee

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Your ref:
Our ref: A8772835
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Dear Ned

CONSIDERATION OF PETITION PE1482

Thank you for your letter dated 6 June 2014 on the above matter. I understand the Committee considered the above petition at its meeting of 3 June and I am writing to respond to the questions raised by the Committee. The review of evidence in relation to single bedded rooms in hospitals is expected to be completed by the end of December 2014.

This review will focus on the period from 2008 (when the original working group reported) to the present day and will analyse the available research and evidence considering single rooms within hospitals including the financial and non-financial costs and benefits associated with policy.

Once we have received the findings of that review, we would then be in a position to take the view as to what further work or analysis would be needed at that time. The undertaking of the cost benefit analysis in comparing a 100% versus 50% single rooms would be dependent on whether such analysis has already been undertaken in other jurisdictions or through other studies. We would clearly consider the relevance of those studies to the Scottish experience and keep the Committee informed in due course.

Yours sincerely

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