

**PUBLIC PETITIONS COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF PE1463
QUESTIONS / ISSUES ARISING FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

THURSDAY 8 DECEMBER 2016

The Committee agreed to prepare a report and debate the petition in the Chamber.

THURSDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2016

The Committee agreed to ask SPICe to produce a paper.

THURSDAY 30 JUNE 2016

Scottish Government –

- What action will the Scottish Government take to address the issues raised by the petition in light of Thyroid UK's survey?
- Has the Scottish Government extrapolated Scottish figures from the survey?
- Does the Scottish Government intend to implement any of Thyroid UK's recommendations?
- Is the Scottish Government minded to fund clinical research into treatment with L-T3 for patients who do not respond well to L-T4?

SESSION 4

TUESDAY 1 MARCH 2016

The petition was included in the Committee's legacy paper.

TUESDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2016

Scottish Government –

- The cost of the Thyroid UK's survey and why the commissioning document for the survey did not ask that Scottish data be able to be extrapolated from the UK-wide data collected;
- The details of the clinical trials mentioned in relation to T3 and natural desiccated thyroid, including how many people were involved; when the studies were conducted; where the studies were conducted, and the outcome of those studies;
- A copy of any current SIGN or other guidelines on thyroid conditions for medical practitioners in Scotland.

TUESDAY 1 DECEMBER 2015

Scottish Government –

- To invite the Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Sport to give evidence at a future meeting

TUESDAY 9 DECEMBER 2014

Scottish Intercollegiate Guidelines Network –

- The evidence received by the Committee to date, including patient testimonies and the suggestion by the petitioner of specific areas for investigation, was forwarded to SIGN and it was invited to work with the petitioner to initiate the process for developing guidelines in the area of diagnosis and treatment of thyroid conditions and formulating the necessary questions.

Scottish Government –

- The Committee seeks further information whether anything can be done to overcome (i) the difficulties in the supply of T3 in Scotland and (ii) the alleged reluctance of medical practitioners to prescribe desiccated thyroid hormone treatment for thyroid and adrenal disorders because it is classified as a 'specials product'?

TUESDAY 20 MAY 2014

Scottish Government –

- The Committee requests that thyroid disorder patients be given special consideration during the project on patients' experiences of diagnosis and/or treatment in areas where evidence is limited, uncertain or disputed. The Committee is keen that particular attention is paid to thyroid disorder patients and would be grateful for confirmation of this.

TUESDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2014

Scottish Government—

- Please provide further details of the scope and timescale for the work the Minister for Public Health stated, in his letter of 5 February 2014 to the Committee, the Scottish Government would commission on

patients' experiences of diagnosis and/or treatment in areas where evidence is limited, uncertain, disputed etc.

- As the Committee's expectation is that action will be taken in relation to the specific concerns raised by the petitioners, can you confirm that the work that the Minister stated would be undertaken by the Scottish Government is focussed on the diagnosis and treatment of those medical conditions described in the petition?
- Please respond to the issues raised by Elaine Smith MSP at the meeting on 18 February 2014 in relation to the sole supplier of T3 medication and that "at the moment one batch of T3 has had less potency than other batches, which again is causing people to be ill."

TUESDAY 28 MAY 2013

Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency—

- What action is being taken to ensure that there will be no further interruptions to supplies of Liothyronine that is licensed for use in the UK?

Amdipharm Mercury—

- What were the reasons for the interruption to supplies of Liothyronine and do you foresee this situation recurring in the future?

TUESDAY 16 APRIL 2013

Scottish Government—

- Please confirm whether the recommendation from the Public Petitions Committee to establish a short-life working group to examine all of the available clinical evidence on the treatment of patients suffering from thyroid and adrenal disorders will be taken up by the Scottish Government.

TUESDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2013

Scottish Government—

- What is the Scottish Government's stance on the issues raised in the petition and during the discussion on the petition at the meeting on 5 February 2013?
- The Committee sees merit in a working group being set up to look into the issues raised in the petition in more detail. Will you set up such a working group?

General Medical Council—

Royal College of Physicians—

Scottish Intercollegiate Guidelines Network—

- What is your stance on the issues raised in the petition and during the discussion on the petition at the meeting on 5 February 2013?
- What are the current policy and guidelines, if any, in relation to thyroid and adrenal disorders, as described by the petitioners?
- How did the current policy and guidelines come into effect and on what evidence are they based?
- What plans do you have, if any, to review the current policy and guidelines on thyroid and adrenal disorders?

World Health Organisation—

- What is your stance on the issues raised in the petition and during the discussion on the petition at the meeting on 5 February 2013?
- Have you undertaken any work or collected any evidence on the issues raised by the petition?

Thyroid UK—

Dr Stefan Sjöberg at Karolinska Institutet, Sweden—

Dr Henry Lindner, Pennsylvania, USA—

- What are your views on what the petition seeks?
- What are your views on the discussions that took place at the Committee meeting on 5 February?
- What evidence is there that the conditions to which the petitioners refer are currently misunderstood or being misdiagnosed by medical practitioners, or that the treatment being prescribed is not effective in a significant proportion of cases?