

**PE1605/S**

Dr Peter J Gordon Letter of 25 October 2016

I have noted that since my previous letter to the Committee on PE1605/c that there have been a number of responses from Health Boards. Most of these appear to suggest that the existing arrangements do not require changing. A number of Boards have identified Healthcare Improvement Scotland (HIS) as an “external” organisation - I would however wish to point out that a significant number of HIS employees are also employed by individual Health Boards. My own personal experience of raising concerns with HIS was affected by pre-existing relationships between Health Board and HIS staff. Given that this resulted in my decision to resign from NHS Forth Valley after thirteen years, I was particularly surprised by the response from the Chief Executive of NHS Forth Valley.

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