

**PE1463/MMMM**

Tricia Cameron submission of 13 July 2017

I am writing in support of the above petition. I am one of the thousands of hypothyroid people whose symptoms are continually ignored and treated based on blood test results. Many people I know are either undiagnosed, despite having all of the symptoms, or are given no treatment options as GPs rely on the supposed gold standard treatment of Levothyroxine. Many people are classed as depressed and prescribed anti-depressants which is unconscionable without looking at the root cause and testing becoming more accurate for both thyroid and adrenals. In many cases people are desperate enough to self-medicate and order medications from abroad which in itself may be problematic and cost the NHS more in the longer term. Conversely, many people are able to restore their health by doing their own research and self-medicating. The powers that be need to think outside the box as one size does not fit all. In order to rectify this situation and prevent the increasing numbers of people suffering this overall situation needs to be addressed thoroughly and speedily.