

**PUBLIC PETITIONS COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF PE1408 QUESTIONS
ARISING FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

THURSDAY 26 OCTOBER 2017

Scottish Government –

- Whether the Haematology Short Life Working Group would meet with the petitioner at an early stage in the process to help inform the scope of the group's work?
- To seek assurance from the Scottish Government that it will keep the petitioner regularly informed about the progress of the Short Life Working Group.

THURSDAY 25 MAY 2017

Scottish Government –

- What is the remit and membership of the National Services' Division's short-life working group on haematology and timescale for its work?
- What arrangements will be made for the short-life working group to engage with the petitioner, including whether the group will agree to a meeting with the petitioner?

THURSDAY 8 DECEMBER 2016

Minister for Public Health and Sport –

- Why the BCSH guidelines are now considered suitable given the previous indication that they were not considered to be suitable for use in a Scottish practice setting.

THURSDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2016

The Scottish Government –

- What further work is being done in respect of the draft summary document prepared by the Scottish Haematology Society?
- Will the summary document be published and what is the likely timeframe for doing so?

THURSDAY 30 JUNE 2016

The Scottish Government –

- Has the summary document drafted by the Scottish Haematology Society been finalised and provided to GPs in Scotland?
- Has the summary document been, or will it be, published and made available to the wider public?

- What is the Scottish Government's response to the concerns raised by the petitioner in her submission of 22 February 2016 regarding the frequency of maintenance injections and the advice that is provided to GPs in Scotland on patients who consider they are receiving an inadequate level of injections?

SESSION 4

TUESDAY 1 MARCH 2016

The Scottish Government –

- The Committee brought to the attention of the Scottish Government the petitioner's concerns outlined in her submission dated 22 February 2016.

Scottish Haematology Society –

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TUESDAY 1 DECEMBER 2015

The Scottish Government –

- What is your response to the issues raised by the petitioner in her submission of 26 November 2015?

TUESDAY 13 JANUARY 2015

The Scottish Government –

- The Public Petitions Committee requests that it be notified when the timetable for the development of the Scottish guidelines is agreed; and
- The Public Petitions Committee requests that the Scottish Government include and consult with the petitioner in the development of the Scottish guidelines.

TUESDAY 28 OCTOBER 2014

Scottish Government—

- Can you provide an update on the outcome of the Diagnostic Steering Group's consideration of the issues raised by the BCSH guidelines, following its November meeting?

- When will the guidelines be disseminated to GPs in a suitable format for use in the practice setting?
- What is the Scottish Government's view on the petitioner's concern about patients who might benefit from more frequent injections?
- What is the Scottish Government's view on the petitioner's suggestion that the guidelines be included in the British National Formulary?

TUESDAY 17 JUNE 2014

Scottish Government—

- Please clarify exactly what action the Scottish Government is taking following the publication of the BCSH guidelines and to what timescale.
- How will the information contained in the BCSH guidelines be disseminated to GPs to ensure the best possible diagnosis and treatment of pernicious anaemia and vitamin B12 deficiency?

TUESDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2013

British Committee for Standards in Haematology—

- When do you now expect the guideline on B12 and folate deficiency to be published?

TUESDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2013

British Committee for Standards in Haematology—

- When will the guideline on B12 and folate deficiency be published?
- Was the use and appropriateness of the Active-B12 test considered in its development?

Scottish Government—

- In anticipation of the guideline on B12 and folate deficiency being published by the British Committee for Standards in Haematology, when will the Scottish Government report on the implementation of the findings?

TUESDAY 11 DECEMBER 2012

Scottish Government—

- Please provide a response to the issues raised by the petitioner in her letter of 29 November 2012 regarding the Active-B12 test?

TUESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2012

Scottish Government—

- Please confirm when you expect the British Committee for Standards in Haematology guidance to be made available to you. Please clarify whether you intend to implement the findings of the report fully or whether, given the high prevalence of MS sufferers in Scotland and the lack of information on patients who suffer from pernicious anaemia will you carry out your own study into the crossover between pernicious anaemia and other conditions?

British Committee for Standards in Haematology—

- Can you provide the Committee with an expected publication date for your forthcoming guidance on B12 and folate deficiency?
- The Committee would also be grateful if you could confirm whether or not the Pernicious Anaemia Society have been included in discussions on the guidance?

TUESDAY 12 JUNE 2012

Scottish Government—

- The Committee ask that you forward the recent response provided by the petitioner (PE/1408:H) to the Scottish Intercollegiate Guidelines Network (SIGN) and ask that if progress is made towards developing guidelines, that these guidelines should be flexible enough to deal with the needs of individual patients who may need more frequent injections of vitamin B12 than others.
- The Committee also seeks an update on the action that you propose to take following the publication of the British Committee for Standards in Haematology guidance.

TUESDAY 20 MARCH 2012

Scottish Government—

- During the debate on 7 March 2012 the Minister for Public Health stated that he would write to SIGN to draw attention to the debate to allow SIGN to reflect on the issues raised and the views expressed on the issues raised in the Petition. The Committee would be grateful if the Minister could confirm that he has now written to SIGN and to confirm that he will provide the Committee with a copy of any response that he receives.
- In the responses to the petition and during the debate reference was made to the application of guidance / practice used by practitioners when treating vitamin B12 deficiency. The Committee asks that the Scottish Government asks practitioners to consider using a person centred approach to treatment based on individual patient's needs, whenever appropriate, rather than a strict timescale of every 3 months.

TUESDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2011

The Scottish Government—

- What are your views on the issues raised in the petition and during the discussion of the petition?
- What is your understanding of the current guidance that is available to health practitioners in relation to the diagnosis and treatment of Vitamin B12 deficiency and Pernicious Anaemia?
- Have you had any dialogue with the UK Health Minister on the issue, if not do you have any plans to do so in the future?

NHS Highland—

NHS Lanarkshire—

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde—

- What are your views on the issues raised in the petition and during the discussion of the petition?
- What guidance do you issue to hospitals and general practitioners in relation to the diagnosis and treatment of Vitamin B12 deficiency and Pernicious Anaemia?

Royal College of General Practitioners—

- What are your views on the issues raised in the petition and during the discussion of the petition?
- Can you provide information on the types of training that is available to general practitioners in relation to the diagnosis and treatment of Vitamin B12 deficiency and Pernicious Anaemia?