

PE1714/E

Petitioner submission of 27 August 2019

We refer to your email of 22nd August and thank you for the opportunity to respond to the submissions submitted.

In the first instance the submissions have identified and agreed that Scotland suffers from an unenviable increase in ILD and other respiratory diseases and that an urgent response is required from the Scottish Government. The Scottish Government submission confirms that they are aware of the position but as statistics indicate their response to date has lacked funding and commitment.

Secondly if we look at the submissions from BLF, BTS and CHSS which are unanimous in their support of the petition and have each highlighted and expanded on the petition objectives. If we select a point from each submission, they could be:

BLF) Early diagnosis.

BTS) Standards of care.

CHSS) Patient support.

SG) Home care

The above points should not be taken in isolation as each submission highlights the insidious and deadly effects of ILD in all its aspects. Ie from awareness, diagnosis, treatment, living with and home care.

Finally we the petitioners thank the stakeholders for their subjective submissions which have greatly enhanced the thrust and objectives of our petition.