

**PE1723/L**

University of Dundee submission of 18 December 2020

I am delighted to be able to update the petitions committee and confirm that we have achieved our fundraising target. We are hopeful that the system will be ready to treat the first patients in Scotland in 2021. The exact timeframe for this is subject to necessary installation, training and clinical governance approvals.

I note that NHS England published a comprehensive review of MRgFUS for treatment of Essential Tremor in November 2020. This has resulted in the approval of this treatment as part of routine NHS care in England from April 2021.

We would welcome, as would patients in Scotland with Essential Tremor, clarification from NHS Scotland as to whether or not they will adopt the same policy in order to allow equity of access. Equally, in the event that they do not wish to align their position to that of NHS England, the reasons for this need to be justified, as it is likely that this will lead to delays in accessing this treatment for Scottish patients.