



PUBLIC PETITION NO.

PE01602

Name of petitioner

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Petition title

ECGs and heart echo tests within antenatal care

Petition summary

Calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to include ECGs and heart echo tests in pregnancy care for women in Scotland.

Action taken to resolve issues of concern before submitting the petition

I have approached my local MSP, asking for him to write on my behalf asking why this isn't carried out, after 2 responses back I have yet to receive an explanation.

Petition background information

Including ECGs and heart echoes within antenatal care would be done to identify peripartum cardiomyopathy (PPCM), also known as postpartum cardiomyopathy. PPCM is heart failure which is pregnancy induced and is often missed causing life threatening outcomes both for mother and child. Many women during pregnancy are not receiving proper medical care. During pregnancy many of the tests carried out are done to check baby. For many women who approach obstetric doctors feeling unwell, they are told it's because they're pregnant. Pregnancy is not an illness and if an expecting mother feels unwell then checks should be made. Many people assume conditions that are at times related to pregnancy will go away, but for women who have cardiomyopathy the effects can be devastating and relentless after the birth. If we could diagnose and treat the symptoms rather than waiting until the damage is done, we would save lives and money for the treatment of patients with heart conditions.

Having experienced PPCM I started a petition on change.org to highlight this issue. This petition has, at present, 1000 signatures. My story and information about my change.org petition have appeared in the Sunday Post as part of my work to raise awareness of this condition.

Unique web address

<http://ww3.parliament.scot/GettingInvolved/Petitions/PE01602>

Related information for petition

Do you wish your petition to be hosted on the Parliament's website to collect signatures online?

NO

How many signatures have you collected so far?

1000

Closing date for collecting signatures online

N/A

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