



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

**PUBLIC PETITION NO.**

**PE01779**

### **Name of petitioner**

Denise Hooper

### **Petition title**

Reducing the risk of ovarian cancer

### **Petition summary**

Calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to raise public awareness:

- of the importance of the CA125 blood test to help detect ovarian cancer; and
- that endometriosis can cause an increased risk of ovarian cancer.

### **Action taken to resolve issues of concern before submitting the petition**

I have written to Nicola Sturgeon and Hannah Bardell.

### **Petition background information**

I was diagnosed with ovarian cancer in November 2016. Further genetic testing showed the likely cause of my cancer was endometriosis. A simple blood test at the outset by my GP could have highlighted possible ovarian cancer. A screening programme could reduce many incidents of ovarian cancer.

A CA125 test measures the amount of the protein CA125 in blood. In some cases, a CA125 test may be used to look for early signs of ovarian cancer in people with a very high risk of the disease.

### **Unique web address**

<https://www.parliament.scot/GettingInvolved/Petitions/PE01779>

### **Related information for petition**

I am happy to provide medical evidence as to my case if required. I am on 4 monthlv

...supply of private medical services are being used in response to increasing  
checks at present.

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

YES

**How many signatures have you collected so far?**

0

**Closing date for collecting signatures online**

10 / 01 / 2020

**Comments to stimulate online discussion**

Have you had experience of endometriosis and bloating or IBS type symptoms? If so were you offered a CA125 blood test?

Do you agree that the Scottish Government should do more to raise awareness of the CA125 blood test and the link between endometriosis and ovarian cancer?