

**PE1056/M**

**From:** gordon mcpherson  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 29, 2008 11:04 AM  
**To:** Cochrane FD (Fergus)  
**Subject:** Petition 1056

Dear Fergus

I realise that this response may be late for submission regarding the consideration meeting of 12 December 2008, but I feel it to be very relevant.

I have copied an extract from the Scottish Government letter dated 31/10/2008 from Mr W Scott, namely:

"As I mentioned in my letter to you of 5 March, the Chief Medical Officer and the Chairman of NHS Quality Improvement Scotland (NHS QIS) wrote jointly to NHS Boards on 26 January 2008 requiring them, as a matter of urgency, to address the need for written policies for the prevention and management of DVT, based on the relevant SIGN Guidelines.

NHS QIS collated the information received from NHS Boards and reported the results to the Chief Medical Officer in May. NHS QIS took the view in that report that NHS Boards had all provided reasonable reassurance that they had reviewed, or were reviewing, their policies and procedures in line with the SIGN guidelines. NHS Boards have also reported that they had reviewed, in what NHS QIS considers an appropriate manner, their patient information leaflets in accordance with the recommended text and these are being implemented across the Boards. The NHS QIS report has also been sent to NHS Board Chief Executives to encourage them to share examples of good practice.

As many NHS Boards had indicated that this was work in progress, NHS QIS has decided to carry out a follow-up exercise in November. It will then provide a further report to the Chief Medical Officer in December. All of this information has been shared with Mr McPherson."

From this you would assume that all Health Boards, as of May 2008" have also reported that they had reviewed, in what NHS QIS considers an appropriate manner, their patient information leaflets in accordance with the recommended text and these are being implemented across the Boards. "

On 25th of November I carried out a Freedom Of Information request of all Boards which asked

"Good Afternoon

I would like to enquire, under Freedom of Information, whether your Health Board has a Patient Information Leaflet covering the signs and symptoms to look out for regarding Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT). I would be grateful if you could forward a copy of the Leaflet, if available to ;

Gordon McPherson

Thank You

So far to the 28th November I have received 4 responses which show

1 Health Board has NO information leaflet.....NHS Orkney  
1 Health Board is adhering to the letter of 26th of January.....NHS Lothian  
2 Health Boards are "working" of a leaflet one of the Health Boards say it should be ready in 12 WEEKS.....NHS Highland and NHS Ayrshire and Arran.

As I stated at the beginning of this letter it may be late in arriving but I am sure the Committee would find its

contents very relevant.

Regards

Gordon McPherson