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Dear Sigrid,

CONSIDERATION OF PETITION [PE1566](#)

Thank you for your letter of 24 June 2015 following the Public Petitions Committee's consideration of the above petition, earlier that same day.

The guidelines on self-testing are currently being reviewed by Healthcare Improvement Scotland (HIS), with a target date of October 2015 for publication. HIS will be liaising with the Health Services Research Unit in Aberdeen who produced the recent National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) guidance, as part of its new strategic arrangement with this unit. We will ensure that when this revised guidance is available it is widely promoted and disseminated across the NHS in Scotland.

We support the collaborative work being undertaken in NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde between the Board and the petitioner on developing a local framework. We would be keen to ensure appropriate evaluation of its efficacy, then to consider how it is best sustainably spread.

It is for Boards to consider how best to progress discussions between patients and clinicians on the delivery of care. This includes a clear and strong commitment to person-centred care, and self-management approaches, as set out in our "[Gaun Yersel](#)" strategy.

With best wishes

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