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The Scottish Parliament
Edinburgh
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Our Ref: RC/LL075

Dear Mr Sharratt

CONSIDERATION OF PETITION PE1568 (Funding, access and promotion of the NHS Centre for Integrative Care)

Thank you for your letter of 10th June 2015 concerning the above petition, and for seeking views from NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde.

The Centre of Integrative Care (CIC) continues to be viable, even in the light of other NHS Health Boards' decisions to stop referring patients to it, and it will continue to see and treat patients from a range of NHS Boards, but principally NHS Greater Glasgow residents.

You asked for other specific details and I have responded to these questions below.

You asked about the financial support the CIC receives. In 2014/15 NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde spent £1.331m providing this service.

In terms of the numbers of referrals we expect from each of the fourteen regional Health Boards (including Greater Glasgow and Clyde), unfortunately we are not in a position to estimate this, with the exception of NHS Boards in Highland and Lanarkshire, who have explicitly stated that we are to accept no new referrals. No other NHS Board has provided such an explicit instruction.

You asked about whether any services that the CIC currently provides are under review, particularly whether provision of homeopathy has or is currently being reviewed. The services provided are regularly under review, and subject to redesign, where appropriate, in keeping with any modern service model. However, specifically, there is no discrete review of homoeopathy ongoing or planned.

The Committee also requested information on the number of patients from each regional health board that use the CIC. I have attached a spreadsheet showing referral data from 2011/12, by NHS Board, which I hope is useful.

You asked, in addition to these specific points, for a view from NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde on the petition. I can only reiterate the points made publically at our last Annual Review in August 2015, where a commitment was made to continue to provide this service for the benefit of NHS Greater Glasgow residents, and residents of any other NHS Boards who wished to continue to access this service.

I hope that this information is useful.

Yours sincerely

Robert Calderwood
Chief Executive
NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde

GG&C Total (2011/12 & 2012/13)

Health Board	Inpatients Elective			Inpatients Emergency			Daycases			Outpatients (New)		
	2014/15	2013/14	Var%	2014/15	2013/14	Var%	2014/15	2013/14	Var%	2014/15	2013/14	Var%
	Ayrshire & Arran	28	28	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	59	60
Fife	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	-50
Greater Glasgow & Clyde	204	205	0	1	0	0	0	11	-100	731	806	-9
Highland	11	14	-21	0	1	-100	0	0	0	8	15	-47
Lanarkshire	67	63	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	148	155	-5
Grampian	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Lothian	3	7	-57	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	6	100
Tayside	5	3	67	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0
Forth Valley	19	21	-10	0	0	0	0	4	-100	34	36	-6
Western Isles	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-100
Dumfries & Galloway	2	1	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	-67
Borders	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Orkney	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shetland	0	1	-100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	341	343	-1	2	1	100	0	15	-100	998	1088	-8

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	2012/13	2011/12	Var%	2012/13	2011/12	Var%	2012/13	2011/12	Var%	2012/13	2011/12	Var%
	Ayrshire & Arran	22	29	-24	0	0	0	0	1	-100	46	35
Fife	1	3	-67	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	50
Greater Glasgow & Clyde	180	191	-6	1	1	0	76	40	90	632	669	-6
Highland	23	32	-28	0	0	0	4	1	300	37	41	-10
Lanarkshire	87	74	18	0	0	0	17	10	70	148	164	-10
Grampian	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	100
Lothian	9	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	300
Tayside	2	3	-33	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Forth Valley	19	16	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	55	-29
Western Isles	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-100
Dumfries & Galloway	0	3	-100	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	4	-25
Others	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	-100
TOTAL	347	363	-4	1	1	0	97	52	87	915	978	-6