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Dear Mr Sharratt

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

Thank you for your enquiry dated 7 October 2015.

I can confirm that funding from NHS Lanarkshire to NHS Glasgow and Greater Clyde, in respect of patients who were referred to the CIC before 1 April 2015, forms part of the service level agreement (SLA) that NHS Lanarkshire has with NHS Glasgow and Greater Clyde.

The SLA covers all services provided by NHS Glasgow and Greater Clyde to NHS Lanarkshire patients and this allows patients who had started their treatment at the CIC before 1 April 2015 to complete their course of treatment. I would like to emphasise that NHS Lanarkshire did not wish to disadvantage any patients who had already started treatment at the CIC and hence these patients will continue until their course of treatment is complete.

With regard to future projections of financial support to the CIC, we cannot predict the level of activity in terms of return outpatient appointments with any accuracy as this is a decision for clinicians. However, we recognise that this activity will decrease over time and will eventually cease, as no new Lanarkshire patients are now being referred to the CIC.

Yours sincerely

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