

Public Petitions Clerks
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The Scottish Parliament
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Our Ref: EM /PN/SFL (WIP 5151)

Dear Mr Sharratt

Thank you for your correspondence of 7 October 2015 regarding the following further clarification required by the Public Petitions Committee:

- whether any patients who had been referred to the CIC prior to the position adopted in 2010 are still receiving treatment at the CIC and if so, how many;
- what the process is for managing individual requests as exceptional cases and how many requests under this process for treatment at the CIC have been granted;
- whether NHS Highland makes payment to NHS Glasgow and Greater Clyde in respect of the CIC and a breakdown of any such payment before and after the adoption of the Board's position of October 2010.

After NHS Highland ceased commissioning Homeopathic treatments in 2010-11, we have continued to use the CIC for other therapeutic treatments, such as integrative care assessments and holistic treatments. 12 patients who had been admitted at the CIC prior to our decision in October 2010 not to fund homeopathy have continued to be treated at the CIC as inpatients and day cases, but are not receiving homeopathic treatments. 121 outpatients continued to be seen at the CIC after our decision in 2010-11.

Patients are referred to the CIC as part of our service level agreement with NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde, for non-homeopathic treatments. If a clinician or patient believes they have an exceptional case to be referred for homeopathic treatment these are handled through the NHS Highland Clinical Advisory Group Out of SLA referral request process. This involves the referring clinician submitting a clinical referral request to the Clinical Advisory Group which then considers the request, using the clinical evidence base to help reach a decision. Since 1 April 2011, 4 referral requests to the CIC for non-homeopathic treatment have been approved.

NHS Highland makes payment to NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde via the Service Level Agreements we have in place for all secondary and tertiary care services that are provided, including use of the CIC. Due to the volumes of activity provided we use a 3 year average to determine the financial value of the SLA. There is no specific tariff that NHSGG&C have been able to provide for us for the CIC, and we are currently charged for a group of specialties that also include other Medical sub specialties.

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Total monies spent by NHH for services provided by the CIC (using 2014-15 tariffs for comparative purposes):

Fin Year	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Total Cost £	126,427	176,358	169,076	153,593	114,585	153,752	126,427	68,295	63,134

I trust this clarification satisfies the Committee and confirms our position with regard to utilisation and access to the CIC for our patients.

Yours sincerely

Elaine Mead
Chief Executive