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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 letter of 7th October 2015 seeking clarity around the funding of the CIC by other NHS Boards.

As confirmed in my earlier letter of 23rd September 2015, in 2014/15 NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde spent £1.331m providing this service.

In terms of quantifying the support the CIC receives from other NHS Health Boards, I can advise that, as a service, Homoeopathy is included in the overall Block Service Level Agreements that NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde has with other Boards in Scotland. We are unable able to identify the specific levels of funding provided by each individual NHS Board for this discrete service.

You also asked if the funding that NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde receives from other NHS Health Boards is crucial to the CIC being viable. In response I would advise no, given the relatively small number of patients that are referred to the Centre from outside NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde.

A commitment was made at our last Annual Review in August 2015 to continue to provide this service for the benefit of NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde 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
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