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Dear Ms Peat

**PUBLIC PETITIONS COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF PE1398, PE1399 AND PE1401**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the specific question which was raised for the attention of NHS Boards, as follow up to the PPC consideration of the above petitions, namely:

QUESTION ARISING FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS to NHS Boards

Annex D of CEL 17 (2010) sets out a specific guidance framework for NHS Boards to apply when developing a written policy for Individual Patient Treatment Requests. As part of the process NHS Boards were to have written policies in place for dealing with such Requests by 1 April 2011. Does your Board have such a policy in place, if not when do you expect to have a policy in place?

ANSWER

Yes, the GGC policies were well established before 1 April 2011. Prescribers and patients are informed via internet and intranet communications.

New GGC prescribing website:

<http://www.ggcprescribing.org.uk/medicines-policies/>

Old ADTC website:

<http://www.glasgowformulary.scot.nhs.uk/Medicines%20Policies/Medicines%20Policies%20Home.htm>

Kind Regards,

Yours sincerely,

**Robert Calderwood**

**Chief Executive**