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Dear Anne,

### **CONSIDERATION OF PETITION PE1398, PE1399 AND PE1401**

I refer to your letter of 12 October 2011 to NHS Boards and SMC; please accept this as the written response from NHS Lanarkshire.

#### **Question 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?

#### **Response**

I confirm that NHS Lanarkshire has a written policy in place for dealing with Individual Patient Treatment Requests in line with the requirements of CEL 17(2010). This policy is available on our public website. I would happy to provide a copy of the policy if that would be helpful.

Yours sincerely

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