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Dear Ms Peat

Re Consideration of Petition PE1404

Further to your letter of the 11th January 2013, I would respond as follows :

Target: A quarter of young Scots with Type 1 Diabetes must have access to insulin pumps by March 2013.

Currently we have 19 young people with diabetes under 18 years of age in the Western Isles. In order to meet this target we planned to initiate insulin pump therapy for 5 young people in the Western Isles by the end of March 2013.

Current situation:

We are currently unable to meet this original target date. However, a date has been agreed to commence Insulin pump therapy for all 5 children on the 29th April 2013 in the Western Isles.

Position:

Specialist Insulin Pump initiation will have to be provided from Yorkhill Hospital, NHS GG&C. Both NHS Boards are in close negotiation regarding this initiation.

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Assessment:

- Patients have been clinically identified, consulted with and are in agreement to commence this treatment, by the Consultant Paediatrician and multidisciplinary team. Parents and children have been directed towards identified sources of information on this treatment.
- Staff have been identified to undergo appropriate training at Yorkhill Hospital. This consists of 1 Dietitian, 1.5 Diabetic Specialist Nurses and 2 Community Nurses with diabetes diploma specialising in the delivery of Diabetes care locally. This training will take place in Yorkhill hospital over the course of February and March 2013. The training will take place in two cohorts in order to maintain diabetes staffing levels locally.
- Preparation and education for parents and children will commence following completion of staff training at the end of March 2013. Over the following period of 4-5 weeks all staff concerned will be involved in instructing, teaching and the operation of pump therapy enabling familiarity of pump therapy prior to initiation.
- All children have been given training in CHO counting in preparation for this treatment.
- Delivery of pump awareness sessions with schools and pre school education will be delivered prior to the child returning to school following pump initiation.
- Ongoing costs for consumables for insulin pump therapy have been identified by the Board.
- Approximately 200hrs nursing time and 130hrs dietician time will be protected during the initiation phase of therapy as per guidelines from GG&C Health Board.
- WIHB are committed to sustaining this service and are in the process of evaluating and expanding the current diabetic service provision whilst taking account of current increasing incidence of diabetes.

NHS Western Isles works with NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde under an obligate network arrangement. Staff training and insulin pump therapy start dates have been negotiated between the two boards and has been dependent upon:

- Access to specialised staff who will deliver this training.
- Staff availability coinciding across both boards.
- Maintaining local service provision during periods of education.
- Adequacy of local Diabetes Nurse Specialist provision.

I trust the above provides sufficient information for the Committee.

Yours sincerely

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