

**PUBLIC PETITIONS COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF PE1404
QUESTIONS / REQUESTS ARISING FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

1 OCTOBER 2013

The Scottish Government—

- Given previous slippage, how confident is the Scottish Government that the targets and deadlines set will be met and why? What assurances have been given by Health Boards that the targets will be met?
- What mechanisms are now in place to monitor and support Health Boards in meeting their targets? What further improvements could be made to these mechanisms to ensure prompt identification of issues to ensure any required interventions can be made?
- When a child has gone through the initial transition on to a pump, what assurances are being given to parents that there will be accessible and ongoing support?
- NHS Highland and NHS Lanarkshire are under specific performance support arrangements. What are the issues for those health boards that mean they are unable to progress at the same pace as other health boards?
- Are penalties imposed when health boards repeatedly fail to meet targets set? If not, will the Scottish Government consider what penalties could be imposed in such circumstances?

15 MARCH 2013

The Scottish Government—

- Please set out the detail of the support that you are providing to boards that are not meeting or do not expect to meet their targets.

8 JANUARY 2013

The Scottish Government—

- What is your view on the most recent insulin pump figures provided by each health board in view of the targets set for the provision of pumps to the under 18s by the end of March 2013.

Certain Health Boards –

- The Committee has reviewed the most recent available figures for the provision of insulin pumps to under 18s. Given the end of March 2013 target, how confident are you that the target for your health board will be met and what are your reasons.

NOVEMBER 2012 (as discussed on TUESDAY 26 JUNE 2012)

The Scottish Government—

- Is there any sanction if a health board does not meet its target?
- What support will be provided to health boards that do not meet their targets?
- Is there a central purchasing mechanism for insulin pumps?
- If a patient has been clinically assessed as being suitable for a pump, are there any circumstances in which a patient would be expected to self-fund?

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde –

- In relation to the outreach diabetes service that NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde provides for patients in NHS Western Isles, the Committee would be grateful for an update on how that arrangement is working.

TUESDAY 17 APRIL 2012

The Scottish Government—

- With reference to CEL 4 (2012) please provide a list of the Boards' appointed senior members who are taking this work forward.
- By what dates should Boards have their action plans in place?
- Will the Scottish Government make the plans available to the Committee?

TUESDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2011

The Scottish Government—

- What are your views on the issues raised in the petition?
- Will you undertake a review into the provision of insulin pump therapy in Scotland "in order to address the low and inequitable access across the country"
- On 21 October 2011, the Cabinet Secretary for Health made an announcement about the targets for the provision of insulin pumps. How will this commitment be delivered and how will the Scottish Government ensure that health boards act on the commitment? To what extent will the Scottish Government hold health boards to account in this regard?

National Health Boards (Ayrshire and Arran, Greater Glasgow and Clyde, Fife, Tayside, Western Isles and Shetland)

- In your health board area what is the current percentage of people who have type 1 diabetes who use pumps (separated out between adults and children)?
- In your health board area, how many clinicians are specifically trained in the area of diabetes management and insulin pump therapy?

- Given the National Clinical Guideline on the management of diabetes published in March 2010 (Guideline 16) why is insulin pump usage so low in your health board area?
- In your health board what is the criteria used for assessing suitability for insulin pumps for adults and for children?
- Is there a waiting list at any point in the process (either initial assessment stage or thereafter)?
- The Cabinet Secretary for Health recently announced that by 2013 25% of all type 1 diabetes sufferers under the age of 18 would have access to insulin pumps and in the next three years the total number of insulin pumps available to all ages would be tripled to more than 2,000. What action is your health board taking to increase the usage of insulin pumps? What are your health board targets and timescales (year on year)?