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Neonatology**

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**PUBLIC PETITIONS COMMITTEE**

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Dear Sir

**CONSIDERATION OF PETITION PE1426**

Please find NHS Grampian's responses to the two questions below:

- 1. The Committee is interested to hear the views from health boards on what, if any, internal discussions they may have had in relation to donor milk banks.*
- 2. The Committee would also be interested to hear if you would be interested in linking into a national infrastructure and / or whether you have given any consideration to establishing your own milk bank? If so have you undertaken any financial costings?*

A number of discussions have taken place over the past few months about the provision of donor breast milk within the Neonatal Unit at Aberdeen Maternity Hospital. In summary:

- NHS Grampian does support the use of donated breast milk from the NHSGG&C milk bank however clarity is required about the infra structure to achieve this including guidance on criteria for use, supply to meet demand and transport to allow this to proceed with confidence.
- When considering developments for this service across Scotland the preference would be for a national infrastructure rather than each NHS Board setting up donor milk banks across Scotland. There would need to be consideration of funding to support this and this could be very challenging within all the other priorities for the service.
- NHS Grampian will be participating in the donor milk banking meeting that is to be held in Glasgow on the 15<sup>th</sup> August and hopefully this will facilitate the development of a robust national service.

Yours sincerely

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