

**Response to questions arising from committee meetings in
consideration of Public Petition PE 1426**

1. Introduction

The purpose of this briefing paper is to provide the Public Petitions Committee a response to questions arising from the committee meeting 4th September 2012 in consideration of PE 1426.

A meeting was held in Glasgow on 15th August 2012 chaired by Mr. Kevin Hill, Director of NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde (NHSGGC) Women and Children's Directorate, at which all Scottish NHS Boards had representation.

Presentations were made as follows to provide information and context for the representatives:

- *Dr Judith Simpson* (Clinical Lead for NHSGGC Donor Milk Bank): current evidence supporting the use of donor milk
- *Debbie Barnett* (NHSGGC Donor Milk Bank Coordinator): processes involved in the provision of donor milk
- *John Muircroft* (Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service): implementation of electronic tracking and tracing of donor milk
- *Sarah Cameron and Jason Kelly* (Scottish Emergency Rider Volunteer Service): transportation of donor milk and potential for expanded service
- *Linda Wolfson* (Maternal and Infant Nutrition Lead, NHSGGC): Options appraisal and financial implications of an expanded service.

2. Discussion of Options

A full discussion was held following presentations with all boards agreeing to pursue further clarification on a single provider with the potential to explore a hub and spoke model at a later date if required.

3. Action Points

- To review and agree an approved set of criteria for use of donor breast milk: *Action:* Dr J Simpson and Dr J Boardman
- Work up a more precise financial framework: *Action:* Linda Wolfson and Kevin Hill
- Member representatives to return to local boards to discuss above actions: *Action:* All
- Mr. Hill has agreed NHSGGC Donor Milk Bank will continue to provide donor milk to other health boards on request and as available until agreement is reached and service is implemented: *Action:* Debbie Barnett

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