

**PE1426/K**

## **PE 01426 National Donor Milk Bank Service**

### **Petitioner Response to NHS GGC letter of 4th October 2012**

I was very pleased to read the positive outcome of the first exploratory meeting between the Scottish health boards on the 15th August 2012 regarding the possible establishment of a national donor milk bank service. However, the Public Petitions Committee should bear in mind that this is only the first step in the process and that no definite agreement has been reached between the health boards so the problem of unequal access to donor breast milk throughout Scotland has NOT been solved.

In addition, I have concerns that the increasing level of demand for donor breast milk across Scotland may mean that the Glasgow milk bank is simply unable to keep up in the near future and that it may be forced to curtail the service it can offer to health boards outwith NHS GGC. If this was to happen it would reduce access to a crucial, life-saving resource for sick and vulnerable babies in other health authorities.

Therefore, I would ask that the petition is kept open in the meantime whilst these negotiations are ongoing.

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