

**PUBLIC PETITIONS COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF PE1426
QUESTIONS ARISING FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS
(See 'Written submissions' for responses)**

TUESDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2012

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde—

- The Committee thanks you for your response of 20 July 2012 and notes that you recently hosted a meeting with other Area Health Boards on the development of a National Donor Milk Bank in August. The Committee would be grateful if you could provide it with an update on the outcome(s) of that meeting and any details of timescales that have been agreed.

TUESDAY 1 MAY 2012

Scottish Government –

- What is your response to what the petition seeks?
- In an answer to a question by Mark McDonald in March 2012 the Minister for Public Health stated that “*NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde is currently exploring options to provide equitable access to donor breast milk across all of Scotland*”. The Committee would be interested to hear why a local health board, rather than the Scottish Government, is investigating how a national service can be provided.

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde—

- What is your response to what the petition seeks?
- The Committee would be interested to hear of your experiences and of the work that you do in relation to the donor breast milk service that you provide.
- The Committee would also be interested to hear your thoughts on the potential of expanding the service that you currently offer and whether or not you had assessed how much it would cost to do this?

ScotsERVS—

- In addition to the oral evidence you provided at the meeting are there any additional comments that you would like to make in relation to the petition?
- The Committee would be interested to hear from you on what operational changes you believe would be necessary if a national milk bank was to be established.

United Kingdom Association for Milk Banking—

- The Committee would be interested to hear your views on what the petition is seeking. It would also be grateful if you were able to provide it with any comparative costs for establishing and running milk banks in England.

NHS Ayrshire and Arran—

NHS Borders –
NHS Dumfries and Galloway –
NHS Fife –
NHS Forth Valley –
NHS Grampian –
NHS Highland –
NHS Lanarkshire –
NHS Lothian –
NHS Tayside –

- 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.
- 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?