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Dear Sirs

Re: PETITION PE 1448 – DERMATOLOGICAL SCREENING FOR IMMUNO-SUPPRESSED RECIPIENTS OF ORGAN DONATION

Thank you for the letter of 14th December 2012 in which you sought the view of Health Boards regarding the issue of surveillance for patients who have been recipients of organ transplantation in order to early non-melanoma malignancies of the skin.

I respond on behalf of NHS Dumfries & Galloway.

I can confirm that we do not provide organ transplantation within the region but have a number of recipients (principally of renal transplantation) who have ongoing care locally supervised by the Renal Unit.

I can confirm that the Medical Staff of the Renal Unit (two Consultants and two Associate Specialists) are aware of the significantly increased risk of dermatological malignancy in post-transplant patients and as part of the regular review offered to such patients, dermatological screening is offered. More significant perhaps though is the recommendation to patients that they should contact them if they have any concerns about new or recently changing skin lesions.

In addition to this I can confirm that we have a Dermatology Service run by a Consultant Dermatologist with particular interest in skin malignancies who is happy to see any patient at extremely short notice (a matter of days) if there is any significant concern regarding skin lesions.

I am extremely grateful for the information you have provided regarding the petition and have forwarded it to our Renal and Dermatology Units to reinforce the importance of this issue for transplant patients.

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Yours sincerely

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Medical Director