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Petitioner Letter of 11 June 2013

Response to the Scottish Government's reply -

According to the Scottish Government's response, all 17 maternity units in Scotland have management of hyperemesis guidelines in place. These guidelines are ineffective unless they are kept up to date by a professional with appropriate knowledge of hyperemesis and are followed by all health professionals including GPs. National guidelines, as suggested, written by the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists may be far more accurate in detailing the correct treatment plan for hyperemesis.

I strongly support the idea of home fluid replacement and hope this is one area of care that can be developed throughout Scotland.

I disagree with the statement that every unit provides women suffering from hyperemesis with advice on support groups available. Personally, I received no advice on support groups and was unaware these were even available while I was pregnant. As mentioned before, something as simple as a patient leaflet would be effective in delivering this advice.

Response to NHS Forth Valley's reply -

Forth Valley appears to have a good protocol in place. Early treatment of hyperemesis is crucial and treatment as an outpatient is usually most appropriate.

GPs are the first contact for hyperemesis sufferers, therefore it is extremely important that they also have access to the hospital protocol and guidelines.

Thank you, once again, for taking the time to consider this petition.

Yours sincerely

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