

**PUBLIC PETITIONS COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF PE1568
QUESTIONS / ISSUES ARISING FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

TUESDAY 6 OCTOBER 2015

NHS Highland—

- Whether any patients who had been referred to the CIC prior to the position adopted in by NHS Highland in 2010, to cease referrals to the CIC for certain complementary therapies, are still receiving treatment at the CIC and if so, how many?
- What the process is for managing individual requests as exceptional cases and how many requests under this process for treatment at the CIC have been granted?
- Whether NHS Highland makes payment to NHS Glasgow and Greater Clyde in respect of the CIC and a breakdown of any such payment before and after the adoption of the Board's position of October 2010?

NHS Lothian—

- Please clarify how NHS Lothian patients can access the services at the CIC and the numbers of NHS Lothian patients who are being referred to the CIC.
- Did the decision to withdraw the provision of the NHS Lothian Homeopathy service have any impact on the service level agreement with NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde and please provide a breakdown of any impact?

NHS Lanarkshire—

- What funding will NHS Lanarkshire provide to NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde in respect of its patients who were referred to the CIC prior to 1 April 2015 and what are NHS Lanarkshire's future projections for financial support to the CIC?

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde—

- Can you provide details of the support the CIC receives from other health boards?
- Is the funding that Greater Glasgow and Clyde receives from other health boards crucial to the CIC being viable?

Scottish Government—

- How the Scottish Government's policy reflects the Minister for Public Health's statement, on [4 March 2015](#), that the CIC is recognised as a national resource?
- What specific publication(s) are used as guidance by NHS Boards in deciding whether and what complementary and alternative

therapies/medicines to provide its patients? Does the guidance reflect the Scottish Government's view that complementary and alternative therapies/medicines have a place in the NHS? If the guidance does not, are there any plans to amend it?

- Please clarify what the process for classing a service change as 'major' is and what input the Scottish Government has had in relation to the decisions of NHS Highland and Lanarkshire to cease referring patients to the CIC.
- Please provide an update on the Scottish Government's offer to NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde to assist with promoting the CIC. Has the Health Board responded to your offer?

TUESDAY 9 JUNE 2015

Scottish Government—

- What are the Scottish Government's views on the petition?
- Will the Scottish Government provide direction and leadership to the regional health boards to ensure that patients from across Scotland are able to access the services provided at the Centre for Integrative Care (CIC)?

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde—

- What are NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde views on the petition?
- Please confirm whether the Centre of Integrative Care (CIC) continues to be viable.
- Please provide details of the CIC's business case in terms of the financial support and numbers of referrals it expects from each of the fourteen regional health boards (including Greater Glasgow and Clyde).
- Please advise whether any services that the CIC currently provides are under review, particularly whether provision of homeopathy has or is currently being reviewed.
- Please provide information on the number of patients from each regional health board that use the CIC, currently and a time series of these figures starting from before the number of in-patient beds was reduced from 15 to 7.

NHS Lothian and NHS Highland—

- What are your views on the petition?
- Please explain the rationale behind the decision to cease referrals to the CIC and outline the consultation that took place that led to the decision being made.

NHS Lanarkshire—

- What are your views on the petition?

- Please explain the rationale behind the decision to cease referrals to the CIC and outline the consultation that took place that led to the decision being made.
- Please confirm whether and how therapies currently available at the CIC, other than homeopathy, will be available for your patients in the future.

Scottish Health Council—

- Please confirm whether NHS Lanarkshire has responded to the SHC's recommendations and suggestions in relation to its consultation and subsequent decision to cease referrals to the CIC and whether any follow-up work has been undertaken by the SHC in this regard.