

**PE1545/Y**

Scottish Learning Disabilities Observatory's submission of 6 July 2018

Thank you for writing to me about this petition. With regards to your two specific questions:

1. Scotland has expertise on epilepsy at Edinburgh University, hence we have no current plans to try to replicate this, beyond its management in primary care.
2. The Scottish Learning Disabilities Observatory was commissioned to inform policy and practice through undertaking secondary analyses of Scotland's existing routinely collected health and administrative data. We are not aware of any existing datasets in Scotland that include a marker for profound learning disabilities. The Scottish Government's "SPIRE" project may in future provide a means to utilise general practitioner data, but the SPIRE team are not yet at a stage where this is operational.

The work programme of the Scottish Learning Disabilities Observatory is overseen through a formal procedure by a steering committee, and monitored by the learning disabilities policy team at the Scottish Government. Current projects are focussed on people with the full range of learning disabilities.