

**PE1408/FF**

Petitioner Letter of 21 June 2016

Thank you for supplying me with the Scottish Haematology Society email of 22<sup>nd</sup> March in response to my previous comments. As you will see, they have advised that they are not in a position to answer the points I raised and have given their reasons why.

I have asked various departments and members of the NHS these same questions quite a number of times now, both in the course of this petition and in various other settings, and yet to date no-one has been prepared, or has felt able, to answer me. This includes a consultant haematologist who has a significant presence on social media and who specifically invited me to put these questions to him. No one has actually refuted what I have said, presumably because they can see it makes logical and medical sense, but neither do they appear to want to take up the challenge of raising these issues within the health service itself.

I am aware that the petitions committee feels that an acceptable outcome has already been achieved, in that new draft NHS guidelines on B12/Folate deficiencies have recently been issued in Scotland, but I have already stressed that the points I raised seriously undermine them and will result in many patients being denied a diagnosis or treatment. It is for this reason that I urge you to consider contacting the British Haematology Society and supplying them with a copy of my letter dated 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2016,

Thank you.

Mrs Andrea MacArthur