

PE1577/N

Minister for Public Health and Sport submission of 12 December 2017

Thank you for your letter of 13 November 2017 on behalf of the Public Petitions Committee (PPC) regarding their consideration of petition PE1577 (Calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to develop and provide funding for a clinical pathway and services for adults with cerebral palsy).

I would like to apologise for the lack of engagement with the petitioner since the last meeting of the Committee in March this year. Whilst we had been engaging through the PPC, I recognise that it would have been helpful if officials had also been engaging directly with the petitioner. I am pleased to confirm that my officials will be meeting with the petitioner and Murdo Fraser MSP in Dundee in January.

There are a number of pieces of ongoing work which we feel the petitioner's experience and perspective would be valuable, such as the development of our National Action Plan on Neurological Conditions; the development of the new neurological standards through Healthcare Improvement Scotland; and work we have commissioned through the Health and Social Care Alliance on patient perspectives to neurological healthcare services. We look forward to discussing this work with the petitioner in more detail in January.

I hope the information in this letter is helpful to the PPC.