

**PE1602/E**

Petitioner submission of 1 November 2017

I have had a chance to look at the submission from the RCOG, and I fail to see anything in this submission with reference to my requests in my petition. The submission refers to treatment of women with a pre-existing heart condition or heart failure, but there is nothing that looks at anti-natal care that includes ruling out the possibility of peri-partium cardiomyopathy. As I stated in my petition, women develop this as a result of pregnancy and have never had any indications of any heart problems before. The only way to identify a problem with the heart is to include a simple blood test that can be an indicator to the treating doctors of any unusual signs, this then allows for more in-depth testing, and allowing for treatment before a woman goes into labour. Can I also ask that the committee asks how much notice of the NICE guidelines does doctors actually take? as I was told these are only guidelines and not all doctors follow them.