

**PUBLIC PETITIONS COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF PE1604  
QUESTIONS/ISSUES ARISING FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**THURSDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2017**

**Scottish Government –**

- The Scottish Government has confirmed that it will extend the terms of the review into the arrangements for investigating the deaths of patients under Section 37 of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2015;
- The government has committed to consult with the petitioner as part of that process.

**THURSDAY 11 MAY 2017**

**Minister for Mental Health –**

- To ask the Minister to consult with the petitioner as part of the Section 37 review and to keep her informed as to the opportunities to participate in any consultation on the development of a future Suicide Prevention Strategy or Action Plan;
- To seek clarification on what action the Scottish Government takes to ensure that all health boards can be supported to meet the target for commencement and completion of suicide reviews and to learn from these reviews, including any relevant findings from the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman?

**THURSDAY 2 MARCH 2017**

**Scottish Government –**

- What is the timetable for commencing the section 37 review?
- Can you confirm that the remit of the section 37 review has been extended to include both patients who were released from hospital or receiving care in the community under Compulsory Treatment Orders?

**Healthcare Improvement Scotland –**

- How many health authorities are meeting Healthcare Improvement Scotland's targets to commence a suicide review within 2 weeks and complete it within 3 months?
- How can bereaved families or carers raise concerns with Healthcare Improvement Scotland when they consider that health authorities are not learning from suicide reviews, particularly where these have been highlighted in findings by the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman?

**THURSDAY 8 DECEMBER 2016**

**Minister for Mental Health –**

- Will you commit to expanding the terms of the section 37 (Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2015) review, as called for by the petition?
- Could you clarify how the findings from the section 37 (Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2015) review will feed into the new ten-year mental health strategy and the Scottish Government's wider work on mental health policy?
- Could you clarify the timetable for bringing forward regulations in relation to section 22 of the Health (Tobacco, Nicotine etc. and Care) (Scotland) Act 2016 regarding the procedure to follow on the duty of candour?

**Healthcare Improvement Scotland –**

- What guidance is currently provided to NHS boards on how to review the death of a patient by suicide in the community?
- What is HIS' view on –
  - The petitioner's suggestions for improving guidance on requiring review panels to be led by independent persons and providing families with a timeframe for the review process;
  - How health authorities can share ways in which families have been successfully engaged with in the review process, including directly in review meetings?
  - Whether it considers there would be value in the action called for by the petitioner to expand the remit of the review under section 37 of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2015?

**Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland –**

- What is the Commission's view on the petition?

**Scottish Government —**

- What are the timescales of the review into the arrangements for investigating the deaths of patients under section 37 of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2015?

**THURSDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2016**

**Scottish Government —**

- What is the Scottish Government's view on the petition?
- What guidance is in place for health boards as to (i) the measures in place to provide protection for the health and safety of patients who are released from hospital or receiving care in the community under a Compulsory Treatment Order; and (ii) how investigations are conducted in the types of cases identified by the petition to ensure that lessons are learned to improve patient care in the future.
- What support is offered to families in the types of cases identified by the petition and how are families involved in the process in such a way that it is clear to them that the incident is being taken seriously and lessons learned from it?
- What is the Scottish Government's view on how investigations can be conducted constructively with the involvement of families to ensure lessons are learned to improve patient care?

**NHS Health Boards –**

- What is the Health Board's view on the petition?
- What measures are in place to provide protection for the health and safety of patients who are released from hospital or receiving care in the community under a Compulsory Treatment Order?
- How are investigations conducted in cases where a patient who was released from hospital or was receiving care in the community under a Compulsory Treatment Order commits suicide to ensure that lessons are learned to improve patient care in the future?

**Scottish Association for Mental Health –**

- What is the Scottish Association for Mental Health's view on the petition?
- Are there any warning signs that a person receiving care in the community under a compulsory treatment order may be at risk of committing suicide?
- What is the Scottish Association for Mental Health's view on what measures could be put in place in response to such warning signs for relevant health professionals?

**Scottish Patients Association –**

- What is the Scotland Patients Association's view on the petition?
- What is the Scotland Patients Association's view on how patients' families can be supported through the investigation of a patient's death by suicide in circumstances where the patient was released from hospital or receiving care in the community under a Compulsory Treatment Order?