

## **PUBLIC PETITIONS COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF PE1545 QUESTIONS/ISSUES ARISING FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**THURSDAY 7 JUNE 2018**

### **Scottish Learning Disabilities Observatory—**

- The Public Petitions Committee gave further consideration to this petition at its meeting on 7 June 2018. At this meeting, the Committee noted concerns raised by the petitioner that there are limited references in the Observatory's work programme to epilepsy, despite 60 per cent of people with profound learning disabilities having this condition. The Committee therefore agreed to ask the Observatory what work, if any, it is progressing to understand the links between people with profound learning disabilities and epilepsy.
- The Committee also noted a suggestion made by the petitioner that the financial consequences of inadequate care for the profoundly learning disabled should be a focus of the Observatory's work. The Committee is therefore also interested in whether the Observatory would consider exploring this as part of its work programme.

**THURSDAY 15 MARCH 2018**

### **Scottish Learning Disabilities Observatory-**

- The Committee agreed to ask the SLDO for further information about its work programme aimed at addressing the diverse needs of people with learning disabilities in Scotland.
- The Committee is also interested to seek the views of the SLDO in relation to the specific action being called for in the petition.

**THURSDAY 26 OCTOBER 2017**

### **Scottish Government –**

- The Committee agreed to ask the Scottish Government for further information about the nature of the consultation that it considers will be required to make recommendations about the strategic direction to support people with learning disabilities with complex needs. As part of this consultation process, the Committee sought to clarification on whether the Government would engage with the petitioner.
- The Committee also agreed to ask the Scottish Government to respond to the petitioner's concerns that the work streams commissioned to address the data visibility of people with learning disabilities in Scotland are largely focused on the prescription and effect of antipsychotic drugs and this does not represent the group of people the petitioner represents.

## **THURSDAY 11 MAY 2017**

### **Scottish Government –**

- To seek an update on the preliminary results of the phase one project.
- The Scottish Government's response to the concerns raised by the petitioner in her submission dated 25 April 2017 that the Scottish Government's research will not address the gap in knowledge about people with profound and multiple learning disabilities.

## **THURSDAY 30 MARCH 2017**

### **Scottish Government –**

- What progress is being made on the project plan?
- What are the findings from the quantitative analysis?
- Is the Scottish Government on track to meet the timescales within the project plan?

### **Petitioner –**

- What is your view on the Scottish Government's progress on the project plan?
- What involvement you have had with the project since the last consideration of your petition?

## **THURSDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2016**

The Committee agreed to defer consideration of the petition until March 2017.

## **THURSDAY 30 JUNE 2016**

### **Scottish Government –**

- What update can be provided on the Scottish Government's progress towards addressing the issues raised by the petitioner, including the assessment of people with PMLD, the improvement of data collection, and the creation of residential facilities for adults in Scotland?

## **SESSION 4**

## **TUESDAY 12 JANUARY 2016**

The Committee agreed to include the petition in its legacy paper.

## **TUESDAY 27 OCTOBER 2015**

### **Scottish Government—**

- What is the Scottish Government's view on the petitioner's suggestion about extending the facilities and intake at Donaldson's College?
- What is the Scottish Government's view on whether local authorities are acting as a barrier to referrals to Donaldson's College?
- Would it be minded to introduce an appeals process for independent care needs assessments?
- Is the Scottish Government considering or has it recently reviewed the procedures in place for independent care needs assessments?

Donaldson's College –

- What are your view on the petitioner's suggestion to extend your facilities and intake?

## **TUESDAY 26 MAY 2015**

### **The Chief Social Work Adviser—**

- What are your views on the concerns raised in the submissions received regarding the existing guidance for social workers on the assessment of people with Permanent and Multiple Learning Disabilities and the impact of the Care Manager Model?

### **The Scottish Government—**

- What further information can you provide on the proposal to undertake a consultation and research in light of the petitioner's concerns that the relevant information is not available for researchers to draw upon?

### **Professor Sally-Ann Cooper—**

- What is your view on the petition?

## **TUESDAY 3 MARCH 2015**

### **The Scottish Government—**

- What is the Government's view on what the petition seeks?
- What data does the Government collect on the number of adults in Scotland who have severe learning disabilities and who would benefit from residential care?
- What assessment has been made of the need for residential care facilities for the severely learning disabled adults in Scotland?

**Learning Disability Alliance Scotland / Scottish Consortium for Learning Disability / Scotland Excel**

- What are your views on what the petition seeks?

**The Chief Social Work Adviser—**

- What are your views on the provision of training for social care workers on the care for the severely learning disabled?