

PE1808/D

Petitioner submission of 16 January 2021

I wish to record that I fully support the action that has been taken so far by the Public Petitions Committee. However, I am disappointed that the scope of my original petition has been watered down from its original intent, which was to be applicable to a far greater extent across the NHS and Vital Services Community.

Whilst I do not wish in any way to reduce the focus on the Care Sector, the Petition was aimed at recognising the extent to which as a community we depend particularly on front line staff and support services across the NHS and all vital services.

This is quite explicit in the content of the Petition. I would wish to draw the attention of the Committee to the fact that the Covid crisis has put a huge strain on all of these employees, and if anything has increased the need for their remuneration, to reflect to a far greater extent, their importance to our welfare, indeed our lives.

As the Petition notes, it is very much a political decision on priorities that determines the extent to which we wish to reflect that dependency in term of remuneration, and I would urge the Committee, even at this stage, to consider widening the scope of their response to reflect the original intent and content of the Petition.