

PE1493/S

Petitioner Emails of 6 October and 3 November 2014

Dear Andrew,

My concern reading the Department of Health reply is that given FOI returns: no NHS Board in Scotland seems to be “seriously” following HDL 62!

This is hugely concerning.

I have felt victimised for raising concerns about this by my former employers NHS Forth Valley. I am aware of umpteen potential breeches of HDL 62 by current employees of NHS Forth Valley. Going by FOI returns to all 22 NHS Boards my concern about wider following of HDL 62 is great.

I would ask the Committee a fundamental question regarding my petition: Does the Committee feel assured that the Scottish Government circular HDL 62 (guidance that is over a decade old) is being followed by all NHS Scotland Boards?”

Having gathered evidence by FOI, I have found that HDL 62 is largely being ignored.

Why does this matter?

Well the public respect and follow medical guidance. They understand that such advice is based on science and not marketeering. Any potential harmful consequences may generally not part of “consent”

Public transparency on financial payments to healthcare workers/academics is not accessible in a single database.

I remain of the view that Scotland could lead the UK on this issue of transparency.

Yours sincerely,

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