



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

PUBLIC PETITIONS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

1st Meeting, 2017 (Session 5)

Thursday 19 January 2017

Present:

Maurice Corry
Angus MacDonald (Deputy Convener)
Brian Whittle
Johann Lamont (Convener)
Rona Mackay

The meeting opened at 9.01 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to consider a draft report on PE1463 on thyroid and adrenal testing, diagnosis and treatment in private at future meetings.
2. **Consideration of a continued petition:** The Committee considered the following continued petition—

PE1458 by Peter Cherbi on register of interests for members of Scotland's judiciary and took evidence from Professor Alan Paterson. The Committee agreed to write to the Lord President and the Judicial Complaints Reviewer.

3. **Consideration of continued petitions:** The Committee considered the following continued petitions—

PE1548 by Beth Morrison on national guidance on restraint and seclusion in schools. The Committee agreed to seek an update from the Scottish Government on publication and use of the 'communication passport' and the 'toolkit' for practitioners, and to invite the Deputy First Minister to provide oral evidence at a future meeting.

PE1551 by Scott Pattinson on mandatory reporting of child abuse. The Committee agreed to write to the Scottish Government.

PE1596 by Paul Anderson on In Care Survivors Service Scotland. The Committee agreed to write to the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills.

4. **Consideration of new petitions:** The Committee considered the following new petitions—

PE1626 by Pat Rafferty, on behalf of Unite Scotland, on regulation of bus services and took evidence from David Eyre, Scotland Media & Communications Officer, Unite the Union, and Ian Taylor, Director, Transport for Quality of Life. The Committee agreed to write to the Scottish Government, COSLA, Regional Transport Partnerships, the Bus Stakeholder Group, the Association of Transport Coordinating Officers, the Confederation of Passenger Transport Scotland, Bus Users Scotland and the Scottish Association for Public Transport. The Committee also agreed to ask SPICe to prepare a paper providing an update on progress of the Bus Services Bill at Westminster.

PE1625 by Patricia Hewitt and Mary Black on wider awareness, acceptance and recognition of Pathological Demand Avoidance Syndrome and took evidence from Patricia Hewitt, Euan Robson, Mary Black and Heather Fullbrook. The Committee agreed to write to the Scottish Government, National Autistic Society, Scottish Autism, Enquire, Child Autism UK, the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health, COSLA, and the EIS.

PE1627 by Annette McKenzie on consent for mental health treatment for people under 18 years of age and took evidence from Annette McKenzie. The Committee agreed to write to the Scottish Government, Scottish Association for Mental Health, Scottish Youth Parliament, Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland, Mental Health Foundation, the General Medical Council, the Royal College of General Practitioners, and the Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency.

5. **Consideration of continued petitions:** The Committee agreed to defer consideration of the following petitions to a future meeting—

PE1616 by John S Shaw on parking legislation.

PE1617 by Angus Files on proposed health study - vaccinated vs non vaccinated.

PE1618 by Carl Grundy on combating motorcycle theft.

The meeting closed at 11.33 am.

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