

PE1463/SSSS

Convener for Health and Sport Committee submission of 4 April 2019

Thank you for your letter of 19 February in relation to the above petition which the Committee discussed at our meeting this week.

The Committee noted the work the Petitions Committee have undertaken on this matter since 2012, including a report to Parliament and a chamber debate in December last year. The Committee also noted the series of assurances provided by the Minister to the Chamber during the debate and agreed to write to the Scottish Government seeking an update on progress.

That letter has now been issued and a copy is attached for information.

Letter to the Minister for Public Health, Sport and Wellbeing dated 3 April 2019

Dear Minister

I refer to the plenary debate on the above subject held on 4 December 2018 and on behalf of the Health and Sport Committee I am writing for an update on progress made in relation to the various pieces of work you referenced in your speeches.

The Committee would also be grateful for updates in relation to the approach taken by the territorial Health Boards across the country and in particular the extent to which consistency in the approach being taken to prescribing has been achieved.

I would welcome your update by the end of this month.