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Dear David,

Consideration of Public Petition 1105 on St Margaret of Scotland Hospice

I thought it would be helpful to provide an update to the committee in relation Public Petition 1105.

In my letter to you on the 4th April 2013 I stated that in the event of a resolution not being forthcoming that I would recommend that St Margaret's of Scotland Hospice and NHS GGC work together to appoint an independent arbitrator who will help them address and resolve the issues of concern.

My officials are meeting with representatives from St Margaret's of Scotland Hospice and NHS GGC on the 9th October 2013 to discuss how we take forward this process.

I hope that this demonstrates the Scottish Governments commitment to resolving this issue.

ALEX NEIL