

**PE1682/F**

NHS Ayrshire and Arran submission of 31 July 2019

Thank you for your letter of 11 July inviting NHS Ayrshire and Arran to provide a response in relation to PE1682: Access to Specialist Support for hidradenitis suppurativa sufferers in Scotland, which the Committee considered on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

I can provide the following information with regard to NHS Ayrshire and Arran.

NHS Ayrshire and Arran frequently look after patients in clinics who are suffering from hidradenitis suppurativa, covering a wide spectrum of severity. These patients will be seen by consultants, specialty doctors and nurse practitioners.

Patients are treated with topical antiseptics, antibiotics, retinoids and occasionally biologic agents or other anti-inflammatory treatments.

Patients are referred to general surgeons and plastic surgeons when necessary and are routinely advised on lifestyle issues affecting the disease when appropriate.

I hope the above is helpful to you; however please do not hesitate to contact us should you require any further information.