

PE1698/M

Petitioner submission of 20 November 2018

As one of the original petitioners I do not intend to repeat all that has been stated as well as in my own letters to Ministers and MSPs but having read through submissions and comments my fears are even stronger that this new contract will adversely affect the provision of medical services in rural areas, destroying the personal touch that is so important and dispersing the health professionals and making rural access to them more difficult.

I agree with virtually all the concerns so ably stated by people in the front line as well as those on the 'patient' side of the fence.

I consider this may well contribute to a depopulation of rural areas; a 21st century Clearances?

The evidence is there to see that there has been inadequate consultation with the rural population and economy and I hope that the powers that be will acknowledge that and think again.