

**PUBLIC PETITIONS COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF PE1651
QUESTIONS/ISSUES ARISING FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

THURSDAY, 25 OCTOBER 2018

Scottish Government—

- What is the status of the Scotland-focused review, including relevant timescales and who would be involved in it?
- As the Committee noted much of the evidence received is from people experiencing negative symptoms when taking and withdrawing from prescribed medication who have not been believed, particularly by the medical profession. How can any review taken forward by the Scottish Government be independent?
- What is the latest update with regard to the establishment of a 24-hour helpline?

THURSDAY, 26 APRIL 2018

Scottish Government—

- The Committee noted the announcement made by Public Health England on 24 January 2018 that they are launching a year-long review on the evidence for dependence on, and withdrawal from, prescribed medicines. As such, the Committee agreed to ask the Scottish Government what engagement it has had with Public Health England with regard to this review.

British Medical Association—

- The Committee noted the collaborative work undertaken by the British Medical Association Board of Science, published in October 2015, to improve the prevention, identification and management of dependence and withdrawal associated with prescribed drugs.

THURSDAY, 29 JUNE 2017

Scottish Government, the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Prescribed Drug Dependence, the Scottish Association for Mental Health and Samaritans—

- What is your view on the petition?

British Medical Association—

- What is your view on the petition?
- What work have you undertaken in raising your recommendations with the UK Government, particularly the development of a hotline?