

PE1605/C

Written submission from Dr Peter J Gordon of 20th September 2016

I would be grateful if you would consider this as a written submission on PE01605 and that my submission can be published on the Parliament's Petition page: <http://www.parliament.scot/GettingInvolved/Petitions/WhistleblowerHotlineNHS>

I have used the Whistleblowing helpline set up by the Scottish Government on two separate occasions. On both occasions I was concerned about patient safety. I found the Whistleblowing helpline no help. I was simply told to go back to my employers. Yet I had already followed all line management procedures. I have an unblemished record as an NHS doctor who has worked in Scotland for 20 years.

We should all be supporting Sir Robert Francis in his proposals as set out in "Freedom to Speak up". I am concerned that the Scottish Government are not doing this and, in terms of implementation, are at best, selecting only certain aspects of Sir Robert Francis recommendations.

I would agree with Angus MacDonald, MSP, that an independent inquiry should be undertaken as once the initial submissions have been received. Meantime reporting of patient concerns would seem to be significantly compromised in NHS Scotland.

Yours sincerely,

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