

# **PE1723/DD: Essential tremor treatment in Scotland**

## **National Services Division written submission, 9 October 2024**

Thank-you for your letter regarding the current position in relation to funding being available for the commissioning of a new national MR-guided Focused Ultrasound Service to treat Essential Tremor in NHS Tayside.

As previously intimated due to the difficult fiscal challenges currently being faced across the public sector, no new applications for national services have been progressed through the designation cycle in 2024-25 with a view to funding to deliver a new service in financial year 2025-26. This position has been endorsed by the NHS Scotland Board Chief Executives.

Due to continuing uncertainty as to the likely available resources for new services we are unable to confirm our position for applications for 2025-2026 with a view to commencement in financial year 2026-2027.

Whilst we cannot provide any further update on the designation of a national service, NHS Tayside may be able to update your committee on whether patients continue to be treated in their service in Dundee via an NHS Scotland pathway with their local Health Boards reimbursing the costs of their treatment.

We hope this update on our position is helpful to you.