

Edward Mountain MSP submission of 5 October 2022

PE1942/C: Encourage peer support programmes in public sector organisations

I am very sorry that I am unable to be present at the Petition Committee. Since my election to the Scottish Parliament in 2016, I have campaigned for public sector organisations to be safe and positive workplaces for all employees.

In particular, I called for an inquiry into the bullying culture within NHS Highland and I welcomed the work of the Healing Process that followed that inquiry.

I believe that more progress needs to be made on supporting the mental wellbeing and resilience of our public sector workforce and I feel that the petitioner makes a strong case for the rollout of mental health peer support systems to aid this.

Therefore, I would like to note on the record that I support the principles of petition PE1942 in the name of Fiona MacAulay and would respectfully ask that the Committee consider taking further evidence on this petition.