

**PE1480/H**

Petitioner Email of 5 January 2015

Dear Chris

Thank you very much for keeping me up to date with the ongoing petition.

Sorry I haven't been able to respond before now.

There are a few points which I would like considered.

I am concerned that in the statement it says that all under 65s with a terminal illness will get free personal care " in the last 6 months of their lives"

Myself and my family certainly did not know in November 2013 that Frankie would lose his 6 year battle with dementia in April 2014.

No doctor or consultant or any dementia expert could tell us that on Frankie's birthday the 28th March 2014 that Frankie would lose his battle 19 days later, it came as a shock to us all.

What would then happen, hypothetically, if that terminally ill person lives beyond the 6 months that the government has stated? When the free personal care stops, do they then have to begin paying it again?

I think that Cosla and certain others are now playing God by predicting when people will pass away. How are they able to predict people dying, when even experts get it wrong? What medical experience do these non-medical people have?

Also could I ask who elected Cosla to make decisions that affect the Scottish people?

I only hope that no one who is making such important decisions regarding free personal care for the u65s ever has to experience what myself, Frankie and our family had to go through.

Once again Chris thank you very much for your continued updates regarding this very important petition which is affecting many young Scottish people.

Kindest regards

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