

**PE1480/X**

Scottish Government submission of 27 June 2017

Thank you for your correspondence in relation to the above Petition.

The feasibility study relating to extending free personal care to people under the age of 65 regardless of their condition will be completed this summer. Ministers have stated that they will share the findings of the feasibility study with the Parliament and we will ensure that the Public Petitions Committee receives them.

We are organising, in collaboration with the Scottish independent Living Coalition, a round table event to discuss proposals of extending free personal care to under 65s, which service users and service user organisations will be invited to attend. This will include an invitation to the petitioner, Ms Amanda Kopel. If for any reason she may be unavailable, we shall organise to meet her separately at a time that is convenient to her, to ensure we collate her views for the feasibility study.

The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport has already met Amanda Kopel on a number of occasions.