

Petitioner submission of 14 March 2022

PE1900/D - Access to prescribed medication for detainees in police custody

My final submission is that the Scottish Government make it an unlawful act to discriminate against detainees in Police custody in Scotland because of a physical, mental or addiction. That HNS Grampian be required not to force without consent a unlicensed drug dihydrocodeine en masse, but allow them the methadone that they were prescribed.

NHS Grampian should recognise that detainees in Police custody have the right to informed consent as defined in Montgomery v Lanarkshire and send the Advanced Nurse Practitioner custody suite located at Dr Grays Hospital or a Doctor from GMED as per the agreement made.

In Elgin despite the agreement that was agreed by NHS Grampian and Police Scotland that nurses would provide 24/7 coverage for both centres from their base at local hospitals. It was intended that they would provide scheduled visits to custody centres to dispense medication (**like Methadone**) and also be available for phone advice and visits as and when required.

NHS Grampian must also make reasonable adjustments to enable detainees receive a reasonable treatment in Custody, the Scottish Government needs to recognise the Mandela Rules as a mandatory requirement for the civilised treatment of detainees. Committee I thank you for listening to my petition, I leave you with the words of Nelson Mandela.

“It is said that no one truly knows a nation until one has been inside its jails. **A nation should not be judged by how it treats its highest citizens, but its lowest ones.**”