

# Petitioner submission of 23 March 2022

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

I watched you today and my faith in democracy was restored. I have sent you more facts that are verifiable. Jamie Halco Johnston receive this reply in both the floor of Parliament and in a e mail of the 14/10/2021, it was stated by Humza Yousaf MSP had confirmed that NHS Grampian were not following Official Guidance. This lead me to investigate more vigorously and found a catastrophic catalogue of disregard of NHS Grampian own policies and regulations( yes Committee, they actually have some written documentation).

These are the revelations I found:

1) NHS Grampian policy (unwritten.) In the words of NHS Grampian ." All patients complaining of opiate withdrawal in custody are assessed, scored, and if clinically they are withdrawing, will be offered treatment with Dihydrocodiene. It is very much the patient's own decision whether they wish to accept treatment offered. No patients in custody are medicated without this first being discussed with them and they have the freedom to decline treatment if they so wish."

This is a wonderful reply:

a) Both HMIC and the CPT on their visit agree the first and in most cases the only Medical Triage is carried out in Elgin by medically unqualified police custody staff.

b) Dihydrocodeine has been unlicensed for the treatment of heroin addiction since 2007, NHS Grampian informed staff of this in a orange guideline document. Why is it unlicensed because it induces seizures. Unlicensed drugs can only be used on specific individuals for specific reason, not used on all in sundry.

c) Despite NHS Grampian definition of Informed consent, **take it or leave** it is not recognised, Montgomery V Lanarkshire more adequately defines it.

d) The detainees do not see or speak to a member of NHS Grampian healthcare staff.