



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

PUBLIC PETITION NO.

PE01584

Name of petitioner

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Petition title

New Scottish Vaccine and Immunisation Advisory Committee

Petition summary

Calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to set up an advisory committee within NHS Scotland to provide advice on immunisation and vaccination policy.

Action taken to resolve issues of concern before submitting the petition

I have contacted the Scottish Government by mail, at length during, Nicola Sturgeons reign as Health Minister and Shona Robinson current Health Minister, from the dates 2006 -2008 via MSP Jim Mather my MSP at that time.I currently have sent this petition to my MSP Mike Mac Kenzie,Michael Russell MSP and Brendan O Hara MP.

Petition background information

I would wish to petition the Scottish Government to stop seeking advice from the JCVI regarding vaccine policy, it seems to have the power to do this. The JCVI wield enormous power. The members are part of a process that results in effectively mandating medical interventions (i.e. vaccinations) for healthy people. The powerful influence of the JCVI raises serious political and ethical questions about their impact on the bodily integrity of citizens, particularly 'pre-citizens', i.e. children.

Concerning this and the ever increasing vaccine schedules. Vaccination committees provide advice to governments on vaccine products and 'recommend' the addition of new vaccine products to national vaccination schedules. As the decisions of these vaccination committees result in massive sales of vaccine products for pharmaceutical companies, it is vital that the process of adding vaccine products to national vaccination schedules is open and transparent, and that any potential 'conflicts of interest' of the members of these groups are accessible for public perusal. For example, a register detailing the history of any relationships with the vaccine industry, e.g. research grants, consultancies, honorariums, plus any shareholdings in vaccine companies, royalties received, directorships etc, must be publicly accessible. If a member indicates they have no potential conflicts of interest, this must be clearly recorded. At this time, publicly accessible information on potential conflicts of interest for members of vaccination committees and groups is severely lacking. Current rules state that you only have to declare your interests if they are less than 12 months old. If you did any

dealings with a company prior to that, you don't even have to mention it.

In place of the JVC I would adopt a similar if not the same as Norway's model. The Norwegian childhood vaccination programme is organised within the public health service and no "independent body" exist.

Unique web address

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/GettingInvolved/Petitions/JCVI>

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NO

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