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Dear William,

Thank you for your letter of 14 August on behalf of the Pernicious Anaemia Society.

I note the concerns of the Society regarding treatment for pernicious anaemia and the options available.

In general terms, Health Boards are responsible for the provision of services that meet the needs of their local populations. The management of pernicious anaemia would be a matter for the patient's clinician to decide, in consultation with the patient. Together, they should discuss and agree what treatment would be most appropriate to meet the patient's individual needs and agree individual treatment plans that best reflect the latest available clinical evidence.

However, as this is a clinical issue I have asked my officials to seek advice from the Haematology National Specialist Advisory Group (NSAG). I will then write again to the Petitions Committee.

*Best wishes,
Mark.*

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