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PE934 Petition by Dr J W Hinton, on behalf of the Meteredparking Organisation, calling for the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Executive to review the Local Authorities’ Traffic Orders (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 1999 to ensure that the local authority consultation in relation to traffic orders is full, meaningful and democratic.

PE938 Petition by Dr Patrick McNally calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Executive to ensure that clear, transparent and meaningful public consultation takes place when changes are proposed to public health services.

PE936 Petition by Simon Brogan calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Executive to review the public health implications of siting oil depots in residential areas in light of the Buncefield oil depot explosion in December last year.

PE935 Petition by Ian Longworth calling for the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Executive to amend criminal procedures to ensure that when a Procurator Fiscal does not consider it in the public interest to pursue criminal proceedings, a full written explanation is provided to the alleged victim of the crime.

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Details of principal petitioner:

| Contact address: Dr J W Hinton | & | Dr R F Burton, |

- e-mails:
Additional information:

This petition submitted by Dr John Wallace Hinton and Dr Richard F Burton, is on behalf of the organisation Meteredparking, which coordinates protests from the entire local community affected by the West of Glasgow Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) Order with respect to flouting of democracy and infliction of social injustice (including disability discrimination). Apart from fighting for social justice in regard to the Council CPZ order, Meteredparking's remit is to ensure that democratic procedures are used by the Council regarding Council Orders. It aims to ensure that full information is provided to all individuals affected by an order. It asks for real & full public consultation, with no withdrawing of objections by default using arbitrary Council-set deadlines, and no pre-empting of Council meeting decisions e.g. by prior purchasing materials for decision implementation. In relation to the above, Meteredparking provides unequivocal evidence of undemocratic procedures and asks for the rescinding of undemocratic decisions.

The Organisation coordinates doctors, small local businesses, care homes, churches and residents - including housebound disabled and their carers - who have been subject to undemocratic actions by Glasgow City Council - all who suffer unduly as a result of the CPZ. It puts forward constructive proposals to the Council for alleviation of community suffering while still achieving the aims of the Council. Meteredparking has organised meetings, peaceful demonstrations, and petitions. It has contacted all relevant bodies in regard to the substance of this petition. It has a website: Meteredparking.com.

While meteredparking is contacting the Public Services Ombudsman, it is concerned that the Ombudsman has no powers to require councils to rectify maladministrations, no powers to ensure democratic procedures and honesty in dealing with the public, and no powers to hold councils to account when they misinform the public. The Ombudsman is concerned with the letter of the law only, i.e. the written regulations: we believe that this is not enough – hence our submission of this petition.

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(3) The Council Leader
(4) The Council’s Chief Executive
(5) The Director and Managers of Glasgow City Council’s Roads & Lighting Committee
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(7) The Minister of Communities (ongoing)

Copies of most of the relevant correspondence in the Appendices

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Dr. Patrick McNally

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I have discussed this at some length with Mr. John Scott MSP, who felt that this approach would allow a worthwhile examination of this issue, which he agreed, was a problem, both for the Public, who had lost trust in the process, and the Health Authorities who were trying to deliver change.

I have also discussed it with Cathy Jamieson MSP both at Public Consultation meetings, and privately.

In addition, I have also raised the issues with the Chairman of my local Health Authority, Ayrshire & Arran Health Board

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Healthcare is an issue of fundamental importance to all, the Public, the Healthcare Professionals and the Politicians.

It is also not static. It evolves in terms of methods and resources for treatment, and the organisational systems and structures to deliver them. It requires people, buildings and money to deliver care effectively, and all 3 of these components, and their deployment need to be appropriately delivered.

The key challenge for the Health Authority, and for the Politicians, is that the Public must trust them when they propose changes, in that these proposed changes will improve healthcare provision in their specific area.

It is clear to all however that across the population at large this trust has been lost.

One has only to look at the press coverage of the public reaction to changes, proposed or implemented, across a wide range of areas, e.g., Maternity Services in the Highlands, the various different restructurings both of clinical services and of administration in Argyle and Clyde, the proposals for changes in Ayrshire & Arran, and the recently published proposals for change in Lanarkshire, to see a consistent and unified response from the public to the proposed changes. This is easily summarised and paraphrased as :-

#1 “The only reason for the changes is to save money”
#2 “We don’t believe you – you are not telling us the truth”
#3 “The “consultation process” is a sham, your minds are made up and its going to happen anyway”

This overwhelming distrust should be a major cause for concern by both the Health Authorities and the Parliament, and the reasons for it should examined and if possible, addressed and remedied.

What this petition asks the Parliament to address is the issue of Truth and Transparency – essentially #2 above, but also at the root of, and integral to, both #1 and #3.

Health Authorities will argue – rightly – that much detailed work takes place in assembling their proposals, but when they are presented to the public, the reality is that they – the Public - are presented with a glossy, and abbreviated, brochure promising wonderful new future developments in care as the result of the proposed changes.

Often the presentation promises a bright new future for a “new” service “X” in a “new” location, ignoring in some cases any mention of an existing service in “Y” location which puzzles readers who have been patients in that service in its “old” location and cannot see why it needs to move, since - in their experience – that is already what is being delivered at location “Y” – so why move it?
In essence, there is, I would submit a "Truth Deficit" largely due to an over-emphasis on presentation, and an under-emphasis on information which needs to be addressed.

The Public are NOT stupid, they and their families, and their neighbours, are the consumers of healthcare locally, and they have direct experience of what is actually being currently delivered – good, bad or mediocre – and the emphasis on spin and "future promises" at the expense of full explanation is at the core of the public mistrust of this process as it stands.

The current structure of Public Consultation allows for a “lay committee” to examine the proposals as representatives of the public, and this is, in theory, an admirable attempt at public involvement.

This is not effective in practice, and the public at large certainly do not think it effective for 2 main reasons.

The first is that the group do not get any “opposing” views from any other source, and the second is the perception that the Health Authority “chooses” the members of the group and as such they will “do as they are told”

The relationship between a Doctor and a patient is built on Trust, with as its key building block, the concept of Truth and Consequences. The Doctor tells the patient the truth – good or bad – and explains the consequences.

If he/she is consistent about this, trust develops to the benefit of both.

If on the other hand there is more hyperbole than truth, trust is quickly lost.

The situation is similar at the level of provision of services by a Health Authority, and as a former Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon and Surgical Director of a Hospital I firmly believe that this issue of Trust must be put back on the Public Agenda – for everyone’s sake.

A formula that is Honest and Transparent is the key first step.

This should list the reasons/challenges/pressures – choose the appropriate term – for the changes.

It should be backed up by an analysis of the consequences for each speciality of the proposed changes which is clearly understandable to the Public, identifying – and acknowledging – the existing services in each location, and explaining for each existing service, the consequences of the proposed changes.

I emphasise this because of the repeated tendency in this process to ignore reality in e.g., the separation of Acute and Elective Surgery.

A purely elective hospital will not have an Intensive Care Unit because all its surgery will be planned surgery on “fit” patients, and thus an ITU will not be necessary.
Yes – BUT – some major surgery requires ICU back-up, e.g., major Vascular surgery, among others. This will therefore need to be done in the “Acute” centre since it will – rightly – be more cost effective than having a second ITU, and carrying it out in a hospital without a full ICU means that – at times – very ill patients will need to be transferred to the centre with the ICU – not just an ambulance ride, but a complex matter needing an experienced anaesthetist in support, and carrying a real risk (of death in the worst case scenario) for the patient.

This however “complicates” the bed usage figures – so in effect what is happening is it is not being discussed in the Public Consultation. Complicating it may be – but a key part of the truth of resource allocation, which should be part of the information available to the Public.

**Truth and Consequences – tell the public in simple clear terms, and try to win back their Trust.**

Over the last few years, I have had the privilege of being invited by a variety of organisations to assist in the re-development of Health care systems in Countries with Economies in transition, and I have advised on restructuring on local, regional and National levels.

In some of these countries, loss of trust in the healthcare system, for a variety of reasons, was a major complicating factor in the redevelopment process.

In each of these, a programme of engaging with the public to begin the process of rebuilding Trust was an essential step on the way to any form of progress.

It is in no-one’s interest to stand back and do nothing while Public Confidence and Trust drain away from the management – and its companion, the delivery – of Healthcare.

I therefore respectfully petition the Parliament to re-visit the process to make it more Transparent, and more accessible to the Public, and make it something which they can once again begin to trust.

**Tell the Truth and Explain the Consequences**, I would submit, is a good starting point from which to consider how to improve the current situation.
Additional Information

If it is of any help to the Petitions Committee, a brief summary of my background and Healthcare experience.

Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon Ayr Hospital 1980-91 (retired after car accident and neck injury)

Formerly:
Surgical Director, Ayr Hospital
Member of Commissioning Team, Ayr Hospital
Chairman, Ayrshire & Arran Hospital Medical Association
Chairman, Ayrshire & Arran Hospital Audit Committee
Member of first group of Scottish Consultants chosen by (the then) Scottish Office to be sent for Senior Management training – King's Fund Top Manager programme

Additionally, Formerly:
Member of Council, Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow
Examiner for MRCS and FRCS
Also Examiner in PLAB tests for General Medical Council

Member of Council, British Medical Association
Chairman of Orthopaedic Committee of BMA
Member of National Executive CCSC (BMA Consultants Committee)
Representative of UK on EUMS – European Association of Specialists (EU committee)

I have had the privilege of being invited to contribute to Healthcare restructuring projects in:

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If the written reasons for refusal to pursue a case are received by the victims of crime they can then check that these reasons do not infringe their rights contrary to legislation pertaining to Racial or Sexual or Disability Discrimination or in any other unlawful way. At present the victims of crime are kept wholly ignorant of everything pertaining to their complaint if it is not to be pursued.

If the present system remains in force and no written reasons are given for a refusal to pursue a case, victims of crime find it almost impossible to take any further action against the offender and are therefore left in a frustrating quandary without remedy; this is inherently unjust.

This scenario effectively means that by adhering to the law, as is required of them by the law, a victim of crime will have done themselves a gross disservice, ultimately leading to a travesty of justice. They will also experience a denial of their inalienable right to remedy through the due judicial process, a right for which they pay a premium through the public purse.

Ian Longworth
27th February 2006

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Dear Sir/Madam

Scottish Parliament Public Petitions Committee – Consideration of PE935

Please find enclosed further written evidence in support of my petition. This supersedes my previous submission which I provided when my petition was lodged. I confirm that the single page submission attached to this letter is now the only page that I wish to lodge in support of petition PE935.

Yours sincerely

IAN LONGWORTH
Scottish Parliament Public Petitions Committee – Consideration of PE935

Mr Ian Longworth, 13 Fenwickland Place, Ayr, Ayrshire, KA7 3QE

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Being funded by the public purse the Procurator Fiscal is wholly accountable to the general tax-payer, electorate and victim(s) of crime via elected members and as such he/she should provide tenable written reasons if he/she refuses to pursue an offender who has been charged with an offence by the police after a valid complaint by a victim of crime.

If the present judicial system remains valid and no written reasons are given for refusal to pursue a case, victims of crime find it almost impossible to take any further action against the offender(s) and are therefore left without remedy. This is inherently unjust and allows an offender to profit from their crime in the way that they intended either financially, physically, emotionally or mentally and with seeming impunity. The victim(s) of crime will have been denied their inalienable right to remedy through the due judicial process, a right and “service” for which they pay a premium through the public purse, without any tenable explanation which may or may not give closure to the victim of crime.

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Robert Dow

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Period for gathering signatures:
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Closing date: 17 February 2006
Additional information:

Please enter any other information relating to the issues raised in your e-petition, including the reasons why the action requested is necessary. The text entered in this field should not exceed 2 pages. However, you may wish to provide further sources/links to background information.

My objections are as follows:

1. Councillors are public office-holders, not employees. They are not salaried, and therefore will not face loss of income. It follows that concepts such as redundancy or compensation do not apply.

2. The official basis for establishing the scheme is the free and personal choice of the individual Councillor. There is no element of dismissal involved.

3. The stated reason for making such awards is completely spurious, claiming that Councillors standing down “will not benefit from the new remuneration arrangements.” The decision to take no part in the said arrangements displays an obvious lack of desire to receive such benefit.

4. The allowance is to be paid purely on time in office. This takes no account of the quality of service, nor of the fact that length of tenure does not necessarily equate with time actually spent on providing service.

5. The programme is impossible to cost, as neither the number deciding to stand down nor their individual entitlements can be forecast.
Action taken to resolve issues of concern before submitting an e-petition:

Before submitting a petition to the Parliament, petitioners are expected to have made an attempt to resolve their issues of concern, by for example, making representations to the Scottish Executive or seeking the assistance of locally elected representatives, such as councillors, MSPs and MSPs. Details of those approached should be entered.

I wrote to my MSP, John Home Robertson, on January 10th, outlining my objections as detailed above.

He replied on January 11th, but although I had approached him purely on the topic of severance payment, his only reference to this point was that "... severance pay for councillors may not be popular, but I happen to think that it is the right thing to do." This represents exactly the attitude which the public at large find offensive, namely that his own view prevails regardless of popular opinion.

Comments to stimulate on-line discussion:

Please provide at least one comment to set the scene for an on-line discussion on the petition, not exceeding 10 lines of text.

Councillors stepping down do so from choice.

Compensation or redundancy payments are not applicable, as there is no loss of income.

The use, for this purpose, of money raised from income or council tax is not acceptable to the majority of taxpayers at a time when taxes continue to rise.

Since the awards are to be based solely on time served in office - which is not the same as time spent on service - a more appropriate, affordable and publicly acceptable recognition, assuming that any is desirable, would be, for instance, the issue of a commemorative medal.

Petitioners appearing before the Committee

The Convener of the Committee may invite petitioners to appear before the Public Petitions Committee to speak in support of their petition. Such an invitation will only be made if the Convener considers this would be useful in facilitating the Committee’s consideration of the petition. It should be noted that due to the large volume of petitions it has to consider, the Committee is not able to invite all petitioners to appear before the Committee to speak in support of their petition.

Please indicate below whether you request to make a brief statement before the Committee when it comes to consider your petition.

I DO request to make a brief statement before the Committee

I DO NOT request to make a brief statement before the Committee
Signature of principal petitioner:

When satisfied that your petition meets all the criteria outlined in the Guidance on submission of public petitions, the principal petitioner should sign and date the form in the box below. Other signatures gathered should be appended to this form.

Signature .

Date ....9th.February..2006..........................

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