

26 July 2017

Dear Dr Shepherd,

Thank you for your letter of 25 July, setting out your Association's case for our guideline on ME/CFS to be reviewed and updated.

I am aware of and understand the depth of feeling about the options for treatment of those living with this condition. I also know that strong views on the need for the guideline to be updated are held by many people. Having taken a provisional position on the need to update our recommendations, based on our reading of the evidence that has emerged since it was first published, we will consider the results of the consultation. I can assure you that we will take into account the reasoned arguments put to us, including those set out in your letter before we make our final decision.

I acknowledge receipt of the petition and the comments associated with it, which I will share with my colleagues.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Dillon', followed by a large, stylized flourish or scribble.

Sir Andrew Dillon
Chief Executive