

House of Commons
London
SW1A 0AA

Dear

I am one of your constituents and I am a member of the Pernicious Anaemia Society. Patients with Pernicious Anaemia are unable to absorb vitamin B12 from their food and so rely on injections of the vitamin to be kept alive. Around 10% of the UK population is deficient in B12 and the biggest cause of that deficiency is Pernicious Anaemia (NHS Choices). There are serious problems with the way in which Pernicious Anaemia is Diagnosed and Treated. Misdiagnosis is common with 33% of the members of the Pernicious Anaemia Society waiting five years or more for a correct diagnosis. This is costing the NHS millions of pounds in wasted GP appointments every year and leading to misery and ill-health for thousands of sufferers. Left undiagnosed and untreated vitamin B12 Deficiency leads to severe and irreversible nerve damage.

The Pernicious Anaemia Society is hosting a Parliamentary Reception in the Jubilee Room at the House of Commons at 12 noon on Thursday 1st November.

The Chairman of the society, Martyn Hooper MBE, will be making a presentation at 12 noon, 12.40 and 1.20.

I would be grateful if you would attend one of the presentations in order that you become aware of the problems associated with the disease. I'm sure you will find the presentation very interesting.

Please let the Pernicious Anaemia Society know if you intend going to the event and at what time by emailing them at info@pasoc.org.uk

I would be grateful if you would also let me know if you are attending.

Yours sincerely,