

## Tips

You can write to your representative using a traditional 'snail mail' letter or email.

Make sure they can get back in touch with you by including your contact information, even if you are writing an email; this will also let them know that you are a local constituent and potential voter!

You could add one or two sentences about how PA has personally affected you, but keep it brief. Letters should be no longer than one page ; be as concise as possible. Politicians receive hundreds of letters from constituents every day.

## Sample Letter:

Please insert England/Wales/Scotland/Northern Ireland in the open spaces.

Dear ... ,

Please be aware that there are serious problems with the Diagnosing and Treatment of Pernicious Anaemia and that these problems are causing unnecessary suffering for patients and their families and friends.

The Pernicious Anaemia Society has been successful in getting NICE to agree that there is a need for the way in which Pernicious Anaemia is diagnosed and treated to be thoroughly reviewed. NICE has agreed that they need to develop a Guideline for doctors on the Diagnosis and Maintenance of Pernicious Anaemia. However NICE hasn't made the development of a guideline a priority.

I would be grateful if you would ask the Minister for Health to request that NICE make the development of the new Guideline a Priority and ask one or more of the following questions:

1. What assessment has the Minister made of the numbers of people in \_\_\_\_\_ with a B12 deficiency linked to Pernicious Anaemia?
2. What assessment has the Minister made of the average time for delay in diagnosis of Pernicious Anaemia in \_\_\_\_\_ ?
3. Will the Minister make a statement on the number of health centres and surgeries in \_\_\_\_\_ that have stopped giving life saving injections to patients with Pernicious Anaemia?
4. What assessment has the Minister made of the numbers of people in \_\_\_\_\_ with a B12 deficiency linked to Pernicious Anaemia?
5. What assessment has the Minister made of the average time for delay in diagnosis of Pernicious Anaemia in \_\_\_\_\_ ?
6. Will the Minister make a statement on the number of health centres and surgeries in \_\_\_\_\_ that have stopped giving life-saving injections to patients with Pernicious Anaemia?

If you would like any further information please contact the Pernicious Anaemia Society using the email [info@pasoc.org.uk](mailto:info@pasoc.org.uk)

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,