

Example of a letter to your Candidates

Please use this as a template for your letter:

Dear(insert name of candidate)

Did you know that the Pernicious Anaemia Society has identified severe problems with the Diagnosis and Treatment of Pernicious Anaemia?

Pernicious Anaemia is caused by a lack of a simple nutrient, Vitamin B₁₂. One study, (the Framlington study - one of the most important medical studies in the 20th Century), identified upwards of 40% of people may be deficient in this simple nutrient, Vitamin B₁₂. One GP has found that 8% of his patients have clinical B₁₂ deficiency, and that B₁₂ deficiency, whether caused by Pernicious Anaemia or by other reasons, may be responsible for depression, dementia, autoimmune diseases such as Crohn's disease, some forms of Multiple Sclerosis, and that medical syndromes such as Chronic Fatigue Syndrome and ME are frequently alleviated by Vitamin B₁₂ taken orally or injected. This same GP, and a number of others doctors, have helped patients to go back to work, to get their life back after receiving a prognosis that they are incurable.

The technology used to diagnose the disease is over sixty years old and often leads to misdiagnosis or non-diagnosis that causes severe suffering among those patients who are not offered a diagnosis even though they present with all the usual symptoms of Pernicious Anaemia. A much more accurate test is now available.

By far the most common complaint by members of the Pernicious Anaemia Society is that the treatment regime most commonly used (an injection of B₁₂ every three months) is wholly inadequate and members of the society either source the injection in mainland Europe where it is available over the counter in pharmacies, or buy it over the internet and then self-inject often without the knowledge or consent of their doctor. Only around 7% of sufferers are able to manage on the three monthly regime.

My own experience is that(please give details of your own story).

An Early Day Motion has been signed by nearly 90 MPs of this parliament since it was introduced on 18th November 2009.

I hope you can give your name to our campaign to raise awareness of the problems associated with the Diagnosis and Treatment of Pernicious Anaemia and lend your support to promote a comprehensive Review of the Symptoms, Diagnosis and Treatment of the disease.