



Invest in ME Research

LETTER TO CMO of Northern Ireland

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Dear Dr. McBride,

Thank you very much for your reply to our letter in December and for providing information on what you are doing in relation to myalgic encephalomyelitis (ME). You are, so far, the only CMO in the UK who has taken the trouble to answer our request for a status for ME and we appreciate you doing this.

We were aware that you had attended a meeting with Hope 4 ME & Fibro Northern Ireland (H4ME). H4ME are fellow members of the European ME Alliance and we work together on a regular basis as part of the Alliance's work in Europe as well as UK.

In light of the news of a pending clinical specialist for ME being employed then we would like to mention H4ME's generous offer of supporting the attendance of clinicians to the 14th International ME Conference in London on 31st May 2019. We are happy to offer whatever support we can to a specialist who treats ME properly and avoids prescribing harmful treatments. We will support H4ME and facilitate means to network with relevant researchers and clinicians at the event.

In addition, if the clinical specialist is in place by the time of the conference and, with H4ME's endorsement, we would like to offer that appointee a place at our pre-conference dinner on the evening of 30th May where more opportunity is provided to network with researchers, clinicians and patient group representatives from around Europe.

The charity, with the European ME Alliance, has also initiated the European ME Clinicians Council - composed of knowledgeable clinicians in Europe who are treating patients with ME in order to share knowledge and support each other. Your newly appointed clinician may find that a useful option in the future and H4ME will be able to keep the clinical specialist apprised of that network,

Yours Sincerely,

The Chair and Board of Invest in ME Research

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