

**FAO THE PETITIONS COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR WALES**

**We call upon the National Assembly for Wales (NAfW) to investigate the non-diagnosis and mismanagement of hypothyroidism in Wales with a view to producing recommendations to rectify this situation.**

**It is felt that the current method of diagnosis and management of hypothyroidism, which is dependent on the interpretation of blood tests, (whilst often ignoring the signs and symptoms of hypothyroidism), is flawed and has led to a failure to diagnose and/or adequately treat this debilitating condition in many thousands of patients, rendering many of them profoundly disabled. In addition, many patients are being denied alternatives to thyroxine even when this is merited. The non-diagnosis and mismanagement of hypothyroidism is not only catastrophic for the patients concerned but is a financial drain on the Welsh economy, the NHS, the Benefits Systems and Social Services Systems throughout Wales.**

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