

# Health, Wellbeing and Local Government Committee

HWLG(3)-12-10-p7: 24 June 2010

Dear Miss Marshall,

## **Re: Pennington Inquiry into Ecoli Outbreak 2005.**

My youngest son Garyn was unfortunately affected by the Ecoli 0157 outbreak in 2005. He developed complete renal failure and ended up in Alder Hey Hospital on dialysis. It was a horrible time for us as a family to witness the horror of Ecoli, to see your child in pain and know there is nothing you can do to help is extremely hard. Garyn has recovered well physically but emotionally he is still to this day is badly affected.

My understanding is that many of the various agencies involved have put a lot of work in place regarding Professor Pennington's recommendation. Why then hasn't the Welsh Assembly Government taken charge of ensuring that all the recommendations are in place after paying £2.3 million pounds for the Inquiry in the first place?

I feel very strongly that unless we do all that we can possibly do to prevent a further outbreak, sooner or later we will have another one.

To put money forward to help local authorities put Professor Pennington's recommendations in place can only have a positive outcome.

The Scores on Doors system is one thing that i would dearly love to see put in place. It would give the public the information they need to make a educated choice of where they wish to purchase their food. I know it would help my son who is now completely paranoid about where we get our food from. I've recently been for a weekend away in Ross on Wye and the Score on Doors is up and running there and i await the day that it is mandatory here. If a food supplier is running his business correctly then they should also welcome this.

I would like to thank the National Assembly for voting for the Public Inquiry in the first place and i sincerely hope that one day soon the Inquiry recommendations are put in place so that no other family will have to go through what we have and more importantly never have to go through what the family of Mason Jones have suffered.

I will be attending the Senydd on the 24th June 2010 along with Sharon Mills, Mason's mother and her family.

With thanks.

Julie Price.