

# Edinburgh MSP joins MS care campaign



Gordon Macdonald MSP has pledged to help ensure that all people living with MS in Scotland have access to the right treatment, care and support, regardless of where they live.

This comes as the largest ever survey of people with MS showed that good progress has been made in Scotland and other parts of the UK, as well as illustrating areas in which further work and improvements are required.

On Wednesday 1 May the MS Society showcased the results from their report, A Lottery of Treatment and Care, during their Garden Lobby reception. Gordon attended to show his support for the 'Stop the MS Lottery' campaign and to meet people living with the condition.

Gordon said:-“I’m pleased to be able to show my support for this important campaign and I know the SNP Government is committed to ensuring that everyone with MS is able to access the care and support that they need. MS affects many of my constituents and everyone should be able to get the treatment, services and support they need. I will continue to work with my constituents, fellow MSPs and organisations to drive this campaign forward”.

Christine Carlin, MS Society Director for Scotland said:-“There are over 10,500 people living with MS in Scotland and it is essential that these people can access the right treatments, services and support in order to manage their condition. We have been delighted by the support we have received from MSPs throughout MS Week and at our reception. By

working together we can stop the MS Lottery.”

Cat Johnson, who spoke at the event, was diagnosed with MS when she was 21 years old. “Living with a fluctuating condition like MS means that you never really know how you’re going to feel from day to day. It is absolutely essential that we can access the right treatments, services and support when we need them. When all this is in place, people with MS can live independent lives. Without it, you’re struggling with the symptoms of your condition and the physical and social barriers that stop you from living your life to the full. I was overwhelmed to see so many MSPs there showing their support. Working together we can make a difference people like me who live with MS.”

**Stop the MS Lottery** – Launching its ‘Stop the MS Lottery’ campaign the MS Society has asked the Scottish Government to ensure improved and equitable access to treatment, care and support by people living with MS. For more details about the Campaign visit [www.mssociety.org.uk](http://www.mssociety.org.uk)