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THIS IS THE SECOND ISSUE OF THE WEO MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

EACH ISSUE WILL COVER AREAS OF INTEREST INCLUDING:

RESEARCH | MEETING(S) | GLOBAL EVENTS | AWARENESS | UPDATE FROM YOUR ORGANISATION AND WEO

WEO BI-ANNUAL MEETING

SAVE THE DATE 22ND November 2022 | More details to come

Aim: to develop a high level plan as part of our broad strategy. To debate key global areas of focus that transcend our communities.

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UPDATE: SCOTLAND

Scottish Government sets target for diagnosis to take less than a year.

The Scottish Government have published an ambitious Women's Health Plan, including a target to drive down diagnosis time for endometriosis to under 12 months – currently, it's an average of 8.5 years in Scotland.

Getting diagnosis down will require a wide range of activities: educating healthcare practitioners to recognise the symptoms, teaching menstrual wellbeing in schools, raising awareness with the public, and research. Access to tests to support diagnosis will need improving such as good quality internal imaging by trained experts – which can't rule out endometriosis, but may identify deep endometriosis and help with planning surgery. Endometriosis UK looks forward to working with the Scottish Government to make this target a reality.

WEO ORGANISATIONS

Dr. Charles Muteshi, an Endometriosis and Fertility Specialist at the Aga Khan University Hospital in Nairobi, Kenya presented in collaboration with the Endometriosis Foundation of Kenya the milestones and achievements over the past 3 years during a webinar on July 28th, 2022.

One of the biggest burden in Kenya is there are few trained endometriosis specialists to care for the millions who are suffering. He has also since set up the **1st multidisciplinary service organisation** with a wide team of in-house specialists in Kenya.

He continues to work extensively in the background to identify and build the capacity of different health specialist with an interest in bettering the care offered to women and girls suffering with Endometriosis in Kenya, and the neighbouring countries.

Other challenges that they work together to overcome is the reducing the multiple inadequate surgeries and delays in recognition, treatment and referral by directing patients to the right doctors.

The <u>Endometriosis Foundation of Kenya</u> was established in 2015 and Elsie Wandera, the founder is a member of the WEO Steering Committee.

Dr Muteshi is also an honorary fellow - Endometriosis CaRe Oxford and a member of <u>ESHRE Endometriosis Guideline Development Group</u>

WEO MEET AND GREET UPDATE

Summary of discussion points from break-out Group 2: France, Hungary, Nigeria, United Kingdom.

More to come in our next issues.

<u>Common issues:</u> diagnostic delay, lack of pain management care, limited evidence on self-management

<u>Challenges</u>: public vs private care, lack of access to specialists with expertise, funding

<u>Good news:</u> French President Macron announced a new strategy for endometriosis, including a E20 million fund for endometriosis research.

The Scottish Government has committed to reduce the time to diagnosis to under a year.

The <u>Turkish Endometriosis and</u>
<u>Adenomyosis Society</u> continue to be strongly active socially and scientifically, from visiting local high schools across Turkey, to organising academic meetings through their Endoacademy, and producing an Endo Bulletin.

Quote: "We believe we can do so much better if we work hand in hand with all Societies around the globe."

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