

# “Lobby For Lyme”

## Information Sheet 1



### Lobby for Lyme - In Parliament

**Julia Goldsworthy MP** has introduced an Early Day Motion in the current session of Parliament that urges the Government to make Lyme disease notifiable as a first step to tackling the disease. Lyme Disease Action is wholly supportive of this motion.

Lyme Disease Action is urging everyone affected by Lyme disease and associated tick-borne diseases to lobby their MPs about this serious issue. On Information Sheet two you can find a reminder of ten action points to help you explain to your MP why things are not working well for patients at the moment.

**Will you help us make history and start to get the serious issue of Lyme disease thoroughly understood and debated in Parliament? Please ask your MP to sign Early Day Motion (No. 958):**

### Early Day Motion on Lyme Disease

“That this House acknowledges that Lyme disease, also known as Lyme borreliosis, is a serious and potentially chronic disease which is becoming more widespread across the United Kingdom; notes the growing body of evidence which suggests patients with the disease are frequently subject to misdiagnosis and under-treatment; is concerned that the disease appears to be under-reported and inadequately investigated; and calls upon the Government to put in place a national strategy for reducing the growing toll of ill-health caused by this disease, including the development of clinical guidelines specific to the UK for the use of all medical professionals dealing with patients with this disease.”

### To All Lymies - Please Contact Your MP

**Please tell us about your letters/visits to your MPs, any press coverage you receive and any other lobbying activities** by going to our website and following the 'Please tell us' link, or by writing to our PO Box (see below).  
[www.lymediseaseaction.org.uk/lobby/](http://www.lymediseaseaction.org.uk/lobby/)

### Why Are We Lobbying For Lyme ?

Many of us at LDA are Lyme affected too. We know that too few of us get the prompt diagnosis and treatment that we need and have the right to have. We know that only then can we get on the road to recovery and return to our lives. We know we need full recognition that these tick-borne diseases are here in the UK and that the problem is already large and increasing.

#### CONTACT US

Information on Lyme disease and on all our activities and how you can help if you are well enough, can be found on our website: <http://www.lymediseaseaction.org.uk> Or you can write to us at Lyme Disease Action, PO Box 235, Penryn, TR10 8WZ, (with an SAE if you want a reply). If you need general help, please follow the 'contact us' menu on the LDA website and click on 'Patient\_help.'

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