

Meeting of  
Lanarkshire NHS Board  
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**SUBJECT: NHS Lanarkshire Freedom of Information - Model Publication Scheme 2010-2014**

**1. PURPOSE**

To provide the Board with the Draft Model Publications Scheme for comment ahead of publication in July 2010.

To ask the Board to approve the Model Publication Scheme subject to any amendments.

**2. CONTENT/SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES**

NHS Lanarkshire, under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 is required to adopt a new Model Publication Scheme in June 2010. This outlines all the information that the Board makes routinely available to members of the public.

A draft Model Publication Scheme has been prepared by a sub-group of the National NHS Freedom of Information Forum, including representation from NHS Lanarkshire. This has now been approved by the Scottish Information Commissioner who has recommended that all Boards adopt this scheme, subject to any minor amendments within the highlighted sections

Any amendments to this scheme out with these sections would require further approval from the Scottish Information Commissioner.

The new scheme will supersede the current scheme (which is currently available on the NHS Lanarkshire website).

The scheme differs from the previous scheme by outlining in detail the information which the Board should make publicly available and also includes new classes of information such as Board members declaration of interest, committee structures, public consultation documents, budget plans, procurement procedures, annual performance reports, complaints statistics, staff absence rates, information on the services we provide and the annual clinical governance report.

**3. ACTIONS/ FURTHER INFORMATION**

Board Members are asked to return any comments on the Draft Model Publication Scheme to Marysia Morkis, Communications Manager by, close of business on 25 February 2010 at [marysia.morkis@lanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:marysia.morkis@lanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk) or telephone 01698 245077.

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