

Meeting of
Lanarkshire NHS Board
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SUBJECT: NHS LANARKSHIRE VOLUNTEERING POLICY

1. PURPOSE

To seek Board approval for a refreshed Volunteering Policy for NHS Lanarkshire.

2. CONTENT/SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES

The current NHS Lanarkshire Volunteering Policy was approved in May 2007. In association with the work undertaken to achieve Investing in Volunteers status the Policy has been reviewed and updated by the Volunteer Action Group, the resultant document being considered by the Joint Policy Forum in November 2009 and the Human Resources Forum in March 2010.

The attached refreshed Policy sets out the commitments of NHS Lanarkshire towards its current and prospective volunteers. It also indicates the Board's expectations of those who volunteer.

The document underpins the Vision for Volunteering that was agreed by the Board at its meeting in November 2009, that vision being to:

- Develop and maintain a strong infrastructure for volunteering
- Create a diverse and inclusive volunteering programme
- Provide a positive experience of volunteering
- Develop the capacity of voluntary organisations that operate within health

3. NATIONAL VOLUNTEERS WEEK

This year National Volunteers Week runs from 1 – 7 June. The main events being planned locally are:

- A series of recruitment events involving staff and existing volunteers
- The opportunity for Board members to "shadow" volunteers
- An evening reception to be held on 7 June 2010 to recognise the contribution volunteers make to the organisation.

4. DECISIONS REQUIRED BY THE BOARD

The Board is asked to:

- Approve the refreshed Volunteering Policy
- Note the outline of events to take place during National Volunteers Week

5. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information or clarification of any issues in this paper please contact: Shona Welton, Head of Patient Affairs on 01698 245197 or Katrina Murray, Voluntary Services Manager on 01236 707796.

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