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Dear Colleagues

### **Formation of Joint Improvement Partnership Board**

Following a review of the Joint Improvement Team (JIT) by Colin Mair, Chief Executive of the Improvement Service, the National Partners (the Scottish Government, NHSScotland and CoSLA) have agreed to form a **Joint Improvement Partnership Board**, in strategic partnership with the Third Sector and the Independent Sector.

Membership of the Board will comprise senior executive representatives of the three founding partners and executive representatives from the Third and Independent Sectors. This arrangement will strengthen the position of the JIT, as the lead improvement partner in health, housing and care reform, to work with National Partners to accelerate the pace of transformational change and to support and challenge improvement in the delivery of integrated health and care.

The Joint Improvement Partnership Board and the JIT will work in partnership with other improvement organisations and Boards in order to ensure best value from the collective national improvement capacity and resources to support progress on the full range of strategic improvement priorities for health and social care.

We expect the Joint Improvement Partnership Board will encourage greater ownership of the joint improvement and integration agenda by all National Partners, and a greater willingness by local partnerships to engage as a matter of course with the important improvement capacity and resource that the JIT represents.

The Board will also ensure that the JIT addresses the implications for local partnerships that arise from the consultation/processes related to the Health and Social Care Integration Bill and its implementation. This will include ensuring capacity to respond flexibly and rapidly to the need for improvement support as well as provision of developmental and improvement support in a planned and proactive way.

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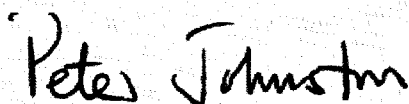
We are delighted that Professor Jim McGoldrick, the outgoing Chair of NHS Fife, has agreed to serve as an Independent Chair of the Partnership Board, which will be established by April 2013, and we are pleased to announce the following as Board Members:

- **Angela Leitch**, Chief Executive, East Lothian Council;
- **Angiolina Foster**, Director Health & Social Care Integration, Scottish Government;
- **Annie Gunner Logan**, Director, Coalition of Care Providers Scotland (CCPS);
- **Cathie Cowan**, Chief Executive, NHS Orkney;
- **Colin Mackenzie**, Chief Executive, Aberdeenshire Council;
- **Fiona Mackenzie**, Chief Executive, NHS Forth Valley;
- **Ian Welsh**, Chief Executive, Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland;
- **Kenneth Hogg**, Director for Local Government and the Third Sector, Scottish Government;
- **Martin Sime**, Chief Executive, Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO);
- **Mary Taylor**, Chief Executive, Scottish Federation of Housing Associations (SFHA);
- **Ranald Mair**, Chief Executive, Scottish Care; and
- **Rory Mair**, Chief Executive, CoSLA.

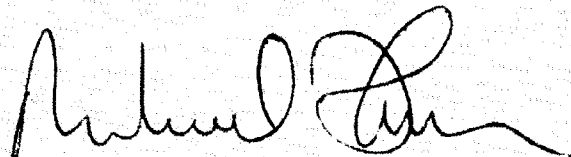
The Director of the JIT is Dr. Margaret Whoriskey.

The formation of the Joint Improvement Partnership Board clearly reaffirms our national commitment to the purpose and role/remit of JIT in the updated context of Health and Care Reform, and the attached Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) includes a clear statement of the outcomes that the JIT is intended to support on behalf of the National Partners.

We strongly encourage you to view the JIT as an improvement resource jointly owned by all of the National Partners and relevant to each of you within your roles within local partnerships and communities.



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