

Dear colleagues,

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Scottish Government launches Health and Wealth In Scotland: A Statement of Intent for Innovation in Health

Nicola Sturgeon MSP has launched the Scottish Government's position on embedding innovation in NHS Scotland. It aims to increase partnership working so that NHS Scotland can develop its use of new innovative technology to improve the quality of care which patients receive and enable more people to be cared for at home. It commits to set up Health Innovation Partnerships between life sciences businesses and the NHS in Scotland, and to have them up and running by the beginning of 2013. *For more information [Click here](#)*

NHS Commissioning Board developments

The NHS Commissioning Board Authority published its Business Plan for April - October 2012. [Click here](#) to read the business plan. The Authority also published further technical guidance for CCGs which covers the overarching principles, approach and methodology of the assessment process; the key stages of assessment, and the requisite outputs of each stage; and the published domain definitions, criteria and authorisation thresholds and how to assess CCG evidence submissions against them. *[Click here](#) to read the new guidance in full.*

2011/12 NHS Chief Executive's annual report published

Sir David Nicholson has published his review of the NHS achievements of the previous 12 months and considers the challenges to come. This edition includes The Quarter, which provides the definitive account of how the NHS is performing at national level against the requirements and indicators set out in the NHS Operating Framework 2011/12. In his introduction Sir David acknowledges the hard work and diligence of NHS colleagues, with the service now fully committed

to delivering the Quality, Innovation, Productivity and Prevention (QIPP) efficiency savings. [Click here](#) for more information

Survey of senior NHS managers shows serious concern about the NHS financial situation

A survey by the confederation found that three-quarters of Chairs and Chief Executives from 250 NHS trusts and organisations said the current financial situation was 'very serious' and a quarter said it was "the worst they had ever seen". For more information [Click here](#)

Expressions of interest to create Academic Health Science Networks (AHSNs) sought

The Department of Health has published the draft designation and establishment process for AHSNs. AHSNs are part of the Innovation Health and Wealth programme. Their goal is to improve patient and population health outcomes by translating research into practice and developing and implementing integrated health care systems. The local AHSN will act as a gateway for any NHS organisation needing support or help with innovation, and provide industry with focused points of access to the NHS. [Click here](#) for more information