

Dear Colleague

REVIEW OF CONSTRUCTION PROCUREMENT POLICY FOR NHSSCOTLAND

Summary

1. This letter notifies colleagues of the results of a review of the former Scottish Executive Health Department's Construction Procurement Policy originally stated within NHS HDL(2001)47 on 11 June 2001.
2. As a result of this review, the policy statements, associated mandatory requirements and guidance contained within NHS HDL(2001)47 are now superseded.
3. **Colleagues are therefore advised that as NHSScotland Bodies are sponsored by the Scottish Government and thus subject to the provisions of the Scottish Public Finance Manual, the mandatory principles and procedures set by the Scottish Government Construction Procurement Manual must now be followed when managing or delivering construction projects, regardless of whether within SGHD Delegated Limits or subject to SGHD approval.**
4. **The Scottish Capital Investment Manual (SCIM) provides additional guidance in an NHS context on the sector-specific processes and techniques to be applied in the development of infrastructure projects within NHSScotland.**

Action

5. **Recipients are required to note that this requirement takes immediate effect and to ensure the communication of this requirement to all appropriate staff within their respective organisation.**

Background

6. NHS HDL(2001)47 provided a statement of Construction Procurement Policy which expressed the wider Scottish Executive construction procurement policy in a NHS context. As such, the document, in the main, replicated already available mandatory guidance for the Scottish public sector.

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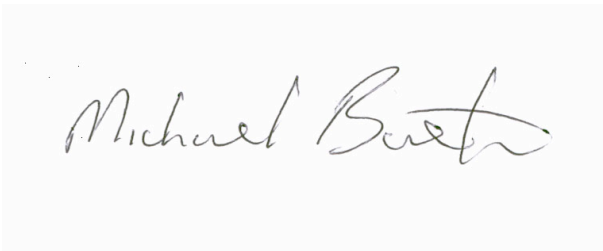


7. NHSScotland projects which fall within the Delegated Limits set by SGHD are subject to the Scottish Government Health Directorates Capital Investment Group Business Case approval process. Mandatory guidance for such projects is contained within SCIM, which also references the Scottish Government Construction Procurement Manual as appropriate.

Further Information

8. A summary of the content of this letter has been posted on the SCIM website: <http://www.scim.scot.nhs.uk/> .
9. The Scottish Government Construction Procurement Manual is available on the Scottish Government website: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Built-Environment/Building/Building/> .
10. Colleagues are also directed to procurement guidance available on the Health Facilities Scotland website: <http://www.hfs.scot.nhs.uk/> .

Yours sincerely



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