

Dear Colleague

## **PATIENT RIGHTS (SCOTLAND) ACT 2011 – SECONDARY LEGISLATION ON THE TREATMENT TIME GUARANTEE**

1. This letter provides the following Regulations and Directions (which come into force on 1 October 2012) attached in the Annex.

(a) [The Patient Rights \(Treatment Time Guarantee\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2012](#) which sets out the eligibility for and the calculation of the treatment time guarantee; and

(b) [The Patient Rights \(Treatment Time Guarantee\) \(Scotland\) Directions 2012](#) which sets out the arrangements for monitoring and recording the treatment time guarantee and the communications with patients.

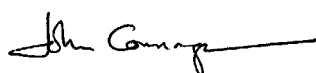
2. The Regulations set out eligible patients are those patients due to receive planned treatment on a day case or inpatient basis. This means that the treatment time guarantee will not only apply to the acute hospital sector but also to some mental health services and day case treatments undertaken in a primary care setting by a GP or dentist.

3. It is intended to issue further guidance on the treatment time guarantee shortly. We will at the same time revise the New Ways Guidance to incorporate changes required to meet the legal requirements set out in the Act and the accompanying secondary legislation.

### **Action**

4. Chief Executives must ensure that this letter and the attached Regulations and Directions are brought to the attention of, and implemented by all appropriate staff and service providers.

Yours sincerely



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