

**PROPOSALS FOR PRESCRIBED FUNCTIONS THAT MUST BE DELEGATED BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES RELATING TO THE PUBLIC BODIES (JOINT WORKING) (SCOTLAND) ACT 2014**

**CONSULTATION QUESTIONS**

1. Do you agree with the list of Local Authority functions included here which must be delegated?

Yes

No

2. If no, please explain why:

The Regulations, as drafted, are too broad and include a number of housing related functions that may not be appropriate. Grampian Housing Association feel that these should be further defined to cover specific tasks/services that relate directly to Health & Care outcomes rather than whole sections of legislation.

We consider it essential that the homelessness function and responsibility should remain within Local Authorities and also those services delegated to registered social housing providers.

Housing Support services needs to be defined clearly to ensure that services relating to tenancy sustainment are excluded from the scope of the regulations.

We recognise and fully support collaboration and close co-operative working between social housing providers and health and social care partnerships across the Grampian Health Board Area.

The development of robust strategic frameworks between all equal partners, including housing providers, will help to achieve the nine outcomes effectively and efficiently.

3. Are there any further comments you would like to offer on these draft regulations?

Grampian Housing Association would highlight the significant role that Housing has to play in achieving the majority of outcomes. Although the Cabinet Secretary for Health has acknowledged the importance of Housing in the context of Health and Social Care integration, this appears to have been seriously underestimated in both the drafting of the regulations and in terms of the future role of Housing.

It is the view of social housing providers operating in the Grampian Health Board area that there are good working practices in the North East at both a strategic and operational level which will provide a platform for the new partnerships and in the achievement of improved outcomes.

We are in agreement that funding for Aids and Adaptations should be part of the delegated functions but would recommend a tenure neutral approach is considered.

Before guidance is issues, further detailed discussions are required regarding which housing support functions are suitable to be included within the scope of the regulations.

## ANNEX 3(D)

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### **PROPOSALS FOR REGULATIONS PRESCRIBING FUNCTIONS THAT MAY OR THAT MUST BE DELEGATED BY A HEALTH BOARD UNDER THE PUBLIC BODIES (JOINT WORKING) (SCOTLAND) ACT 2014**

#### **CONSULTATION QUESTIONS**

1. Do you agree with the list of functions (Schedule 1) that may be delegated?

Yes

No

If no, please explain why:

The outcomes suggested will not be fully achieved without a full understanding of the significant role that housing providers play particularly with regard to outcomes 2, 4 and 5. The importance of well-designed, good quality housing and services in safe and secure neighbourhoods is considered to be fundamental to overall wellbeing. This has been borne out by good quality research that highlights the cost reductions for other services such as health when housing support and aids and adaptations are put in place.

The critical role that housing plays in reducing deprivation and promoting social inclusion cannot be underestimated.

2. Do you agree with the list of services (Schedule 2) that must be delegated as set out in regulations?

Yes

No

If no (i.e. you do not think they include or exclude the right services for Integration Authorities), please explain why:

As previously advised, we would fully support homelessness services remaining as is, this includes the relationship between local authorities and housing providers to ensure accommodation is provided on either a temporary or permanent basis.

We would welcome the opportunity to ensure funding for Aids and Adaptations is tenure neutral.

3. Are you clear what is meant by the services listed in Schedule 2 (as described in Annex A)?

Yes

No

If not, we would welcome your feedback below to ensure we can provide the best description possible of these services, where they may not be applied consistently in practice.

4. Are there any further comments you would like to offer on these draft regulations?

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**PROPOSALS FOR NATIONAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING  
OUTCOMES RELATING TO THE PUBLIC BODIES (JOINT  
WORKING) (SCOTLAND) ACT 2014**

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**PROPOSALS FOR NATIONAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING  
OUTCOMES RELATING TO THE PUBLIC BODIES (JOINT  
WORKING) (SCOTLAND) ACT 2014**

**CONSULTATION QUESTIONS**

1. Do you agree with the prescribed National Health and Wellbeing Outcomes?

Yes

No

If no, please explain why:

The outcomes described will not be fully achieved without a full understanding of the significant role that housing providers play, particularly with regards to outcomes 2, 4 and 5. The importance of good quality, well-designed housing and services in safe and secure neighbourhoods is considered to be fundamental to overall wellbeing. The critical role that housing plays in reducing deprivation and promoting social inclusion cannot be underestimated.

2. Do you agree that they cover the right areas?

Yes

No

3. If not, which additional areas do you think should be covered by the Outcomes?

We would like to see the principle of people taking responsibility for their own health wellbeing being promoted, accepting the importance of public health and appropriate housing as a key mechanism to achieve such an outcome.

4. Do you think that the National Health and Wellbeing Outcomes will be understood by users of services, as well as those planning and delivering them?

Yes

No

5. If not, why not?

Some of the terminology is that used by professionals e.g. health inequalities.

6. Are there any further comments you would like to offer on these draft Regulations?

**PROPOSALS FOR INTERPRETATION OF WHAT IS MEANT BY THE  
TERMS HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PROFESSIONALS RELATING  
TO THE PUBLIC BODIES (JOINT WORKING) (SCOTLAND) ACT 2014**

**CONSULTATION QUESTIONS**

1. Do you agree that the groups listed in section 2 of the draft regulations prescribe what 'health professional' means for the purposes of the Act?

**Yes**

**No**

2. If you answered 'no', please explain why:

3. Do you agree that identifying Social Workers and Social Service Workers through registration with the Scottish Social Services Commission is the most appropriate way of defining Social Care Professionals, for the purposes of the Act?

**Yes**

**No**

4. If you answered 'no', what other methods of identifying professional would you see as appropriate?

5. Are there any further comments you would like to offer on these draft Regulations?



**PRESCRIBED FUNCTIONS CONFERRED ON A LOCAL AUTHORITY OFFICER  
RELATING TO THE PUBLIC BODIES (JOINT WORKING) (SCOTLAND) ACT  
2014**

**CONSULTATION QUESTIONS**

1. Do you believe that the draft Regulations will effectively achieve the policy intention of the Act?

**Yes**

**No**

2. If not, which part of the draft Regulations do you believe may not effectively achieve the policy intention of the Act, and why?

3. Are there any further comments you would like to offer on these draft Regulations?