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Dear Alison

BMA Scotland response to consultation on Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act Regulations - Set 2

Please find attached a copy of the BMA's submission to the consultation on the second set of regulations for the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act.

As with the first set of regulations, we have consulted widely with members working in both primary and secondary healthcare services.

In our submission, we have repeatedly highlighted the importance of medical representation on the IJB/IJMC and on the strategic planning group. We have also emphasised the importance of engaging with representative medical professionals and those working in services that are to be affected by integration.

In our submission we have referred to existing statutory bodies that currently act in an advisory capacity to NHS Boards as possible mechanisms to provide advice to the new Integration Authorities including Area Medical Committees – hospital and GP subcommittees, and Local Medical Committees. However it is clear to us, from the feedback we have received from our members that it is vital that Integration Authorities do not solely rely on appointed medical managers to provide medical input into the development of plans, but seek the views of practising clinicians working in the services and providing care to patients.

The BMA would be happy to meet with you to discuss the role of doctors in local integration in more detail.

Yours sincerely

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Dr Lewis Morrison
Representative for secondary care,
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Dr Alan McDevitt
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