

Chapter 1 – Efficient R&D Support for Research

Question 1: Should CSO and the Health Boards set any eligibility criteria for nodal R&D Directors? **YES** Should appointment of a nodal R&D Director be for a specific time, and if so what term would be appropriate? **IF A SET TIME AT LEAST 5 YEARS**

Question 2: CSO proposes to approve the functions of staff in R&D Offices; should CSO seek to standardise local R&D functions across Scotland, or is it preferable to allow local flexibility? **Standardised but with a degree of flexibility**

Question 3: Are there other NRS functions that might usefully be transferred from the Health Boards or CSO to the new NRS-GMS? Are there functions not currently being undertaken that the NRS-GMS might carry out? **No response**

Question 4: To what extent should the joint planning of the deployment of infrastructure resources be formalised? Should there be a formal record of such discussions? **Yes**

Question 5: Taken together, will these steps to both free up and promote the availability of NRS resources address current concerns over lack of time and support? If not, are there other steps CSO should take? **No response**

Question 6: Are there any further changes that should be made to improve the efficient delivery of patients to studies through the NRS Networks and Speciality Groups? **No response**

Question 7: To what extent do delays continue to occur as a consequence of differing NHS and university requirements? To what extent is closer integration of NRS and university functions possible and desirable? **No response**

Chapter 2 – Partnership with Scottish Patients and Public

Question 8: Would a trial register be of benefit to patients seeking trials? **Yes** Would it be an effective way to partner patients with researchers? **Yes** Is there a danger that expectations of taking part could be unfairly raised? **Yes but this can be mitigated against by appropriate and useful information**

Question 9: Would using electronic NHS patient records to alert GPs to research studies for which their patients may be eligible a service the NHS should offer? If so, would a process where NHS records are only accessed by identified NHS staff working in secure facilities, and only passing potential participant names to their GPs or hospital consultants for consideration, be a suitable way to proceed? **Yes to both**

Chapter 3 – Targeted Deployment of Resources and Infrastructure

Question 10: What proportion of CSO funding should be available for deployment in new research initiatives relevant to the NHS? In what areas should CSO seek to disinvest to free up resources? **Useful to use for newer universities and newer researchers to be funded.**

Question 11: Is the focus of the CSO response mode grant schemes adequately defined and understood by the research community? **No at times seen as rather exclusive** Should there be a narrower focus to complement and avoid overlap with other funding streams Scottish researchers have access to? **Yes** What is a realistic upper level for CSO grants to allow worthwhile projects to progress? **£100,000**

Question 12: What should determine the creation and continued funding of a CSO unit? Should any new unit have a plan for CSO funding to be

time limited? **Yes to encourage continued fund raising and efficiencies.**

Chapter 4 – Working in Collaboration

Question 13: Are there other key areas of partnership CSO should be seeking to build? **With patients and patient groups.**

Question 14: Would the creation of a CSO International Advisory Board be a positive step in raising Scotland's research profile and supporting our ambition? **Yes** What should be the make-up of such a Board **not sure as yet but not just the same old faces.**

Question 15: Are there other areas where CSO funded research could better support the Health Directorates Quality agenda?

Chapter 5 – Investing in the Future

Question 16: Is the Primary Care Research Career Award scheme suitably focused to attract suitable high quality applicants? If not, what would a revised focus be? **yes**

Question 17: Do the current CSO personal award schemes targeted to meet our future needs? If not, should CSO conduct a wider review of its capacity building schemes? **yes it should think about this further.**

Thinking about less funded groups/individuals.