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## Member Appointment Extended on Highland NHS Board

The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport today announced the extension to the appointment of Gaener Rodger as a Member of Highland NHS Board.

### MEMBER

**Gaener Rodger** worked as an academic Researcher across the UK in the field of Virology after gaining her PhD at the University of Cambridge; before moving to Inverness where she used her scientific knowledge and experience to work with the Life Science and Health sector across the Highlands & Islands in a Business Development role at Highlands & Islands Enterprise. The growth of the University of the Highlands and Islands provided an opportunity for Gaener to return to academia and she joined and then led the UHI team at the Centre for Rural Health. After having her second child she then took on a new role in education and training with the sexual health charity, Brook Scotland, delivering and managing educational programmes for young people across the Highland Region and delivering training to Professionals working with young people across Scotland.

In October 2016, Gaener was appointed to the Board of NHS Highland where she currently Chairs the NHS Highland Clinical Governance Committee and represents NHS Highland on the Argyll & Bute Joint Integration Board. Since August 2018, Gaener has been the Chair of the Highland Children and Young People's Forum (formally Highland Children's Forum) and in November 2018, she was appointed to the Board of the Cairngorm National Park Authority. Gaener currently volunteers with Girlguiding Scotland, supporting both young people and adult leaders, and is passionate about listening to the voices of people that use our public services, empowering young people to be active participants in society, ensuring equality and equity of access to public services and the role of public bodies in enhancing the mental and physical wellbeing of our population.

### EXTENSION

This extension will be for nine months and will run from 1 October 2020 to 30 June 2021.

This extension is regulated by the Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland.

## **REMUNERATION**

This extension is part-time and attracts a remuneration of £8,584 per annum for a time commitment of one day per week.

## **OTHER MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENTS**

Gaener Rodger is a Member of the Cairngorms National Park Authority where she receives a remuneration of £213.69 per day, for a time commitment of three days per month.

## **POLITICAL ACTIVITY**

All appointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the selection process. However, in accordance with the original Nolan recommendations, there is a requirement for appointees' political activity within the last five years (if there is any to be declared) to be made public.

Gaener Rodger has had no political activity in the last five years.

## **BACKGROUND**

NHS Highland's catchment area comprises the largest and most sparsely populated part of the UK. It is responsible for meeting the health needs of around 320,000 people living in the area, and provides a comprehensive range of primary, community-based and acute hospital services for the population.