

24<sup>th</sup> March 2021

## Members Appointed to Western Isles NHS Board

The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport, Jeane Freeman MSP, today announced the appointments of Abdul Elghedafi, Jocelyn McConnachie and Tim Ingram as Members of Western Isles NHS Board.

### MEMBERS

**Abdul Elghedafi** is a Scottish Qualified Solicitor, specialising in a number of areas namely data protection law, freedom of information law, contract law and public sector procurement law. He currently is also a Non-Executive Board Member at North East Scotland College and sits as a Lay Member on a joint Department for Transport and DVLA committee where he provides a lay view on driving standards and policy. Abdul also sits as an independent panellist and Chair of the Independent Appeals Panel for the Department for Transport/Transport Focus adjudicating on train passenger appeals.

**Jocelyn McConnachie** has held a number of Executive Board positions with organisations including CalMac Ferries and has led customer-centric strategic transformations at National Grid and E.ON. She currently serves as Deputy Chair of the Customer Engagement Board of Western Power Distribution. She has previously served on Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust's Outpatient Steering Group. She brings her experience in Customer Service strategy, Stakeholder Engagement and Board level management, and is delighted to be again serving the communities of the Western Isles.

**Tim Ingram** moved from Newcastle to Aberdeen after initially graduating in 1980 and spent many years in the offshore and onshore oil and gas industry. Tim started his Health & Safety career in 1992, joining the Health and Safety Executive as a Specialist Inspector, where he became the Principal Inspector responsible for the regulation of gas and pipeline facilities, onshore and offshore, across Scotland. He returned to industry in 2005, going on to hold a number of corporate and Director level Health & Safety and Assurance roles in multinational organisations. Holding an MSc in Occupational Health & Safety Management, he now runs a specialist Health & Safety consultancy, focusing on strategic, Board-advisory, due diligence and leadership matters and is a guest lecturer at Imperial College, London. Tim has also, recently, been appointed as the official Safety Officer for the Tyne Tunnels [TT2] company, reporting to their Board. Tim brings a wealth of public engagement, risk management and governance experience.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

The appointments will be for two years and will run from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

The appointments are regulated by the Ethical Standards Commissioner.

## **REMUNERATION**

The appointments are part-time and attract a remuneration of £8,095 per annum for a time commitment of one day per week.

## **OTHER MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENTS**

Abdul Elghedafi, Jocelyn McConnachie and Tim Ingram do not hold any other public appointments.

## **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.

Abdul Elghedafi, Jocelyn McConnachie and Tim Ingram have had no political activity within the last five years.

## **BACKGROUND**

NHS Western Isles is responsible for meeting the health needs of around 26,950 people living in the Western Isles, and provides a comprehensive range of acute, mental health, primary and community services.