

18th February 2021

Non-executive Whistleblowing Champion Member appointed to Western Isles NHS Board

The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport, Jeane Freeman MSP, today confirmed the appointment of Sheena Wright as Non-executive Whistleblowing Champion Member of Western Isles NHS Board.

MEMBER

Sheena Wright spent her working life in a variety of roles within the NHS, social care, higher education and the Scottish Government. She retired in 2018 as Executive Director of Nursing & Care with NHS 24, having previously been Executive Nurse Director in NHS Borders. Sheena was Interim Nurse Director and Chief Operating Officer in NHS Western Isles from 2008 until 2009.

In retirement, Sheena is a volunteer with the Prince's Trust, an Independent Prison Monitor on behalf of Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Prisons and a Panel Practice Advisor with Children's Hearings Scotland. She has a special interest in supporting the health and wellbeing of communities through the delivery of high-quality services. In her volunteering roles, she is a mentor, advocate and advisor, bringing her extensive experience to support others.

Sheena is looking forward to re-joining colleagues in NHS Western Isles and contributing to the work of the Board.

APPOINTMENTS

The appointment will be for four years and runs from 1st March 2021 to 28th February 2025.

The appointment is regulated by the Ethical Standards Commissioner.

REMUNERATION

This appointment is part-time and attracts a remuneration of £8,095 per annum for a time commitment of one day per week.

OTHER MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENTS

Sheena Wright does 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.

Sheena Wright has 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.

The NHS is one of the most valued organisations in the country and whistleblowing should be welcomed as it allows the organisation to put right anything that may compromise patient safety or the integrity of the Board.

The Whistleblowing Champions will promote a culture of openness and transparency in their Board's where all staff feel confident to raise any concerns they may have in the knowledge that they will be supported and their concerns properly investigated. Being able to provide assurance that staff are able to raise concerns in an open, honest, and supportive workplace is a hugely worthwhile role.