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CC: NHS Board Chairs
Strategic Leads for Volunteering

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Dear Colleague

CLEAR PATHWAY: Supporting the safe, effective and person-centred involvement of volunteers from the third sector in NHS settings

I am writing to draw your attention to the 'Clear Pathway' guidance for NHS Boards on supporting the safe, effective and person-centred involvement of volunteers from the third sector in NHS settings, which was published on 20th April and is available online at:

https://vhscotland.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Clear_Pathway_Guidance_April_2018.pdf

'Clear Pathway' was produced by Voluntary Health Scotland (VHS), the national intermediary and network for voluntary health organisations in Scotland. It was funded by the Scottish Government and developed in close collaboration with the Volunteering in NHSScotland Programme and the National Group for Volunteering in NHSScotland.

'Clear Pathway' provides strategic guidance to NHS Boards in relation to the management of volunteers deployed in NHS settings who are not directly recruited, managed or trained by NHS Boards. It is designed to support Boards to manage the risks and capitalise on the opportunities associated with third sector volunteering so that it is always safe, effective and person-centred, in line with the quality ambitions of NHSScotland.

If you have any questions about the guidance, please contact: Jolanta Lisicka at the Scottish Government, t: 0131 244 2251, email: Jolanta.Lisicka@gov.scot; or Alan Bigham, Programme Manager (Volunteering) at the Scottish Health Council, t: 0141 227 3266, email: alan.bigham@nhs.net.

Yours sincerely

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