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Dear Mr Robertson

The eHealth Committee met on 13th February 2009 and would like to bring the following to the attention of NHS Grampian Board members.

Patient Management System (PMS) Procurement

The procurement continues to be challenging due to the resource implications on our local workforce across all sectors involved in the process. However, the short listing has reduced the field to three suppliers and three systems, although one supplier is offering two systems as separate proposals. The procurement is now in the competitive dialogue phase with these three suppliers. Site visits by clinical, administrative and technical staff are under way, and due diligence visits to NHS Grampian by the suppliers have also commenced. Further work is being undertaken with regard to benefits realisation and affordability, and at present the Consortium led programme is on schedule and should deliver a signed contract by August 2009.

Information Governance/QIS Review

The Committee was briefed on the main issues regarding information governance, as highlighted by the Information Governance Steering Group, and would like to highlight the following issues:

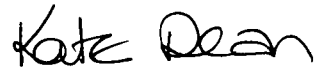
- Information Governance Toolkit – NHS Grampian is aiming for an improved position from last year and delivery of a Level 2 implementation rating as part of the Quality Improvement Scotland (QIS) Standard.
- Regulatory Enforcement and Sanctions Act 2007 – it was confirmed that sanctions could be levied by the regulators (Information Commissioner and Scottish Information Commissioner) if organisations failed to respond appropriately, and within the statutory time limits, to Freedom of Information and Subject Access requests. The eHealth Committee is considering reminding those involved of the importance of responding quickly to the requests.

Security of Mobile Data

In September 2008, NHS Scotland eHealth recently released a new standard entitled “eHealth Mobile Data Protection Standard”. This was accompanied by an allocation of funds from NHS Scotland and a national procurement of a framework contract to allow

NHS Boards meet this standard. Work by the eHealth Department has confirmed that by using the funds allocated and the national contract, NHS Grampian will be able to achieve the standard with regard to mobile devices, namely USB memory sticks, SmartPhones and laptops. An implementation plan is being drawn up and will be discussed at the eHealth Steering Group.

Yours sincerely

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Kate Dean
Chair
eHealth Committee