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Dear Colleague

Re: Project Board Members for "Scottish Rural Medicine Collaborative"

As you may be aware Scottish Government funding of £600k was granted recently for an innovative 2 year 'Scottish Rural Medicine Collaborative'. This cross-Board project aims to improve the recruitment & retention of GPs in rural environments by developing a more unified recruitment strategy, training, support and development plan for GPs.

The bid for the project also included working with NHS Education Scotland to support remote and rural healthcare by improving access to ongoing education, rural placements, peer-support and peer-referencing activities.

There have been 2 short meetings since the funding was awarded to begin establishing the collaborative and as part of these I was asked to chair the Project Board, which I am very happy to do.

I am very keen however that this project is truly collaborative and it is therefore important that your board, as a principal stakeholder in the project, is able to contribute and influence progress.

I have attached a copy of the original bid as a reminder for you of the intention and scope of the project and I would be grateful for the following information so we can now progress the establishment of the collaborative as quickly as possible

1. Confirmation that you are happy for me to Chair the Project Board
2. Nomination for your Board lead on the Collaborative who would bring the appropriate skills, experience and authority to the Project Board.

I have also attached the first draft of a Project Brief that I expect us to work up further and to be agreed as early as possible by the Project Board.

I would appreciate receiving the above information by Friday 28th October and would ask that this is sent in the first instance to Lisa Wood (lisa.wood36@nhs.net) at the North of Scotland Planning Group.

I look forward to hearing from you

With best wishes

Yours sincerely



Ralph Roberts
Chief Executive
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