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Dear Colleagues

FIRE SAFETY POLICY FOR NHS SCOTLAND

SHTM 80: Fire Safety Model Management

This letter refers to a revised Fire Safety Policy statement for NHSScotland by the Scottish Government Health Finance, Corporate Governance & Value Directorate.

Background

The fire safety roles and responsibilities detailed in CEL 11: FIRE SAFETY POLICY FOR NHSSCOTLAND (2011) have been updated and incorporated into SHTM 80: Fire safety-Model management. Please note that this supersedes the information contained in CEL(2011)11.

In addition to the statutory fire safety requirements detailed in The Fire (Scotland) Act 2005 and supporting regulations, Health Boards are mandated to adhere with the fire safety management structure, competency framework, fire safety training and technical benchmarks as detailed in the current NHS Scotland SHTM Firecode suite of guidance documents.

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Action

Health Boards are mandated to use the Fire Safety Management System, within the Strategic Asset Management System, as the primary means of recording fire risk assessments, fire incidents, and unwanted fire alarm signals.

NHS Scotland Firecode guidance is published by NHS Scotland Assure and can be found online at: https://www.nss.nhs.scot/publications

Yours sincerely

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