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Dear Colleague

**NHS Lothian's Annual Review will be taking place on Thursday 27 October 2011 at 10.00 am at NHS Lothian Waverley Gate, 2-4 Waterloo Place, Edinburgh EH1 3EG.**

The reviews form an important part of the way in which NHS Boards are held to account for the delivery of services and the use of the substantial amount of public funds available to them each year.

The focus of the Review will be on NHS Lothian's performance over the last year and our plans for the future. In doing so we will try to focus on outcomes and results, rather than process while linking to the Scottish Government's aim and objectives.

The programme will be in four sections with an opportunity to ask questions after each session. A sandwich lunch will be provided.

It will be followed by four smaller sessions looking at aspects of the performance reports from the morning, in particular: improving the patient experience, reducing inequalities (children and young people), shifting the balance of care (from hospital to community) and service change. This we hope will provide an opportunity for a dialogue between staff and patients and the public in a more informal setting. On the day you will be invited to choose which session you would like to join. It will finish at 2.30pm.

As members of the Public Partnership Forums, hospital patient councils and our Managed Clinical Networks' patient groups your contribution in seeking to improve services is very important to us. We hope that you will be able to join us and we look forward to seeing you.

Regards



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