



## **COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2015 PARTICIPATION REQUESTS**

**NHS Fife Annual Report, 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020**

### **1. NUMBER OF REQUESTS RECEIVED IN THE REPORTING PERIOD**

**One** participation request was received in the period covered by this report.

### **2. NUMBER OF REQUESTS AGREED AND DECLINED**

**One** request was declined, on the grounds that it was substantially the same as a request previously accepted within the last two-year period.

### **3. NUMBER OF REQUESTS WHICH RESULTED IN CHANGES TO A PUBLIC SERVICE PROVIDED BY, OR ON BEHALF OF, THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY**

Two previous Participation Requests received by the Board in 2018-19 have resulted in input to Out of Hours service redesign across Fife, by virtue of the involvement of those respective community groups.

### **4. ACTION TAKEN BY NHS FIFE TO PROMOTE AND SUPPORT THE USE OF PARTICIPATION REQUESTS**

A stand-alone web page has been developed on the NHS Fife website, which provides detailed guidance on how community groups can make a participation request. An application form is provided that outlines the required information that applicants should supply in order for their requests to be appropriately considered. Further support to applicants is available through staff within the Equality & Human Rights team, who lead on public participation and engagement activities within NHS Fife.

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