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Dear [REDACTED]

Decision Notice in terms of Section 24 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 - Participation Request submitted by the Royal Burgh of St Andrews Community Council on 16 January 2019

A Participation Request has been submitted by the Royal Burgh of St Andrews Community Council (RBSACC) to Fife Health Board in terms of Section 22 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 (“the CE Act”).

The RBSACC is a “community participation body” in terms of Section 20 (1) of the CE Act and Fife Health Board is a “public service authority” in terms of Section 21 and Schedule 2 of the CE Act.

The RBSACC, at Part 3 of their Participation Request, has asked that Fife Council be involved in the outcome improvement process sought by their Participation Request. As such the timescale for dealing with this Participation Request in terms of Regulation 7 of the Participation Request (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (“2017 Regulations”) is 45 working days.

In terms of Regulation 6 of the 2017 Regulations, Fife Health Board contacted Fife Council in relation to the RBSACC Participation Request. Fife Council declined to participate in the outcome improvement process for this Participation Request. The reason provided by the Council was that they considered that “NHS Fife, working with the Chief Officer (Health & Social Care), has the remit and ability to determine the outcome of the Participation Request without any formal input from Council services”.



Chair Tricia Marwick
Chief Executive Paul Hawkins
Fife NHS Board is the common name of Fife Health Board

Fife Health Board notes that the outcome that the RBSACC wants to improve in their Participation Request is *“Improved health outcomes for the people of North East Fife through improved access to healthcare in the evenings, through the nights, at weekends and public holidays through the reinstatement of the GP led Out of Hours service at St Andrews Community Hospital and the Minor Injuries Unit”*.

Having considered the Participation Request fully and the matters outlined in Section 24 of the CE Act, Fife Health Board agrees to the Participation Request.

Outcome Improvement Process:

NHS Fife, at the time of giving this notice, recognises that a public consultation is presently being undertaken by the Fife Health & Social Care Partnership called *“Joining up Care”*, part of which is considering Out of Hours urgent care redesign throughout Fife, including the locality of North East Fife.

NHS Fife will facilitate additional collaboration between the RBSACC and Fife Health & Social Care Partnership, with particular reference to proposals under discussion by the Partnership for Out of Hours service redesign in North East Fife, by:

- facilitating further opportunity for RBSACC to present their proposals relating to Out of Service provision to officers of the Fife Health & Social Care Partnership and engage in dialogue on that matter, with the expectation that the Community Council is expected to participate in the process.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Hawkins', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Paul Hawkins
Chief Executive