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Three Chairs Appointed to Health Boards

The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care, Humza Yousaf MSP, today announced the appointments of John Connaghan CBE as Chair of Lothian NHS Board, Gillian McCannon as Chair of Western Isles NHS Board, and Brian Moore as Chair of the State Hospitals Board for Scotland.

CHAIRS

Lothian NHS Board

John Connaghan CBE is an experienced leader who has held a number of Chief Executive Officer positions in Scotland. He has worked with Scottish Government over a 15 year period holding the posts of Chief Operating Officer / Chief Executive Officer and Director General in Health; and has also served as Director General of the Irish Health Service Executive with responsibilities for 150,000 staff and £16bn budget. John's main interests are Health Performance and Delivery and Transformational Strategy. He was awarded Commander of the British Empire in 2014 and is a visiting professor with Strathclyde University.

Western Isles NHS Board

Gillian McCannon has spent over 40 years of her professional career, both within the NHS as a registered nurse holding the position of senior nurse, as well as developing service transformation and latterly as an academic teaching fellow for undergraduate and post graduate nurse education at the Western Isles Campus for the University of Stirling. Gillian is delighted to take up the role of Chair on Western Isles NHS Board, bringing to the Board a wealth of experience and knowledge of the NHS. She has strong leadership skills that will support the strategic development of the Board and help shape and deliver the health care services for NHS Western Isles.

The State Hospitals Board for Scotland

Brian Moore qualified as a social worker in 1980 leading to a 39 year career in local authority, with considerable experience of social care and social work services as both a practitioner and senior manager. His career has been based mainly in the West of Scotland, but he has also worked in local authority social services in Liverpool. In May 2017, he retired from the position of Chief Officer for Inverclyde Health and Social Care Partnership. His management and leadership roles have provided significant experience of organisational change, community engagement, service development and improvement, partnership working and making best use of available resources.

In September 2018, he was appointed as a Member on Lanarkshire NHS Board, further enhancing his understanding of organisational governance and the required skills and behaviours necessary to ensure accountability and transparency.

APPOINTMENTS

John Connaghan's appointment will be for four years, from 1st August 2021 to 31st July 2025.

Gillian McCannon's appointment will be for four years, from 5th July 2021 to 4th July 2025.

Brian Moore's appointment will be for two years, from 5th July 2021 to 4th July 2023.

The appointments are regulated by the Ethical Standards Commissioner.

REMUNERATION

The Lothian NHS Board Chair attracts a remuneration of £44,092 per annum; Western Isles NHS Board Chair attracts a remuneration of £30,134 per annum; and the State Hospitals Board for Scotland Chair attracts a remuneration of £27,554 per annum.

The appointments are all part-time with a time commitment of three days per week.

OTHER MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENTS

Gillian McCannon is a Member of Western Isles NHS Board for which she receives remuneration of £8,095 per annum for a time commitment of one day per week. She is currently Interim Chair of Western Isles NHS Board and will step down from these positions on 4th July 2021.

Brian Moore is a Member of Lanarkshire NHS Board for which he receives remuneration of £8,584 per annum, for a time commitment of one day per week. He is also a Member of the State Hospitals Board for Scotland, for which he receives remuneration of £8,584 per annum, for a time commitment of one day per week. Brian will stand down from his State Hospital role on 4th July 2021.

John Connaghan CBE does not hold any other public appointments.

POLITICAL ACTIVITY

All appointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the selection process. However, in accordance with the original Nolan recommendations, there is a requirement for appointees' political activity within the last five years (if there is any to be declared) to be made public.

John Connaghan CBE, Gillian McCannon and Brian Moore have had no political activity within the last five years.

BACKGROUND

Lothian NHS Board

NHS Lothian is responsible for protecting and improving the health of the 850,000 population across Lothian and works closely with local authorities and third sector partners in providing an integrated system of community-based health and social care across East Lothian, Edinburgh, Midlothian and West Lothian.

Western Isles NHS Board

NHS Western Isles is responsible for meeting the health needs of around 26,950 people living in the Western Isles, and provides a comprehensive range of acute, mental health, primary and community services.

The State Hospitals Board for Scotland

The State Hospitals is one of four high secure hospitals in the UK. It is a national resource providing care and treatment in conditions of high security for around 140 patients from Scotland and Northern Ireland who need to be detained in hospital under conditions of special security that can only be provided by the State Hospital.