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Interim Chair Appointment Extended on Lothian NHS Board

The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport, Jeane Freeman MSP, today announced an extension to the appointment of Esther Robertson as Interim Chair of Lothian NHS Board.

INTERIM CHAIR

Esther Robertson took up her current position as Interim Chair of NHS Lothian in February 2020. She has an extensive track record of senior non-executive leadership roles in Scotland, with appointments including Chair of NHS 24, NHS Fife and the Scottish Further Education Funding Council. Other senior non-executive roles include the Scottish Government and the Scottish Council for Development and Industry. In 2018, Esther completed an independent review of the regulation of legal services and her report, *Fit for the Future*, is currently being considered by the Scottish Government. She was actively involved in the campaign to secure Scotland's Parliament as Coordinator of the Scottish Constitutional Convention, and as a member of the Consultative Steering Group that developed the standing orders for the Parliament. Until recently, Esther was Senior Governor at the University of Aberdeen

EXTENSION

This extension will be for three months, running from 1st April 2021 until 30th June 2021.

This extension is regulated by the Ethical Standards Commissioner.

REMUNERATION

The extension is part-time and attracts a remuneration of £61,727.90 per annum, the equivalent of a daily rate of £395.69, for a time commitment of three days per week.

OTHER MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENTS

Esther Robertson does not hold any other ministerial 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.

Esther Robertson has had no political activity over the last five years.

BACKGROUND

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.