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Dear Sir/Madam

**Consultation Paper – The Homelessness etc. (Scotland) Act 2003 –
Implementation of Section 11**

The Patient Services function of NHS Ayrshire and Arran has reviewed the consultation paper on Section 11 of the Homelessness etc. (Scotland) Act 2003.

While not having any material comment to make it is noted that the proposals are likely to have a positive impact on the health of individuals by preventing homelessness, both initial episodes and repeated cases, as there is evidence that even one episode of homelessness can have a detrimental effect on health. The recognition of wider issues including literacy and language barriers in the context of homelessness is also welcomed.

Yours faithfully



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