

## **NHS Grampian Disability Discrimination Act Review Group**

### **Comments on the Proposed Local Health Care Bill**

The main comments were :-

- There was a danger of NHS Health Boards becoming politicised, especially near Scottish and UK elections, leading to the loss of a corporate approach, in favour of factional party politics. Local councils were cited as an example of the negative effects of party politics in periods immediately prior to elections.
- People seeking election might be from “one issue” pressure groups, without the commitment to look at all aspects of health care in Grampian.
- If NHS staff were allowed to stand for election, it was possible that this could lead to Health Boards comprising more NHS staff and thereby becoming more insular.
- The point was made that elected local councillors already sit on Health Boards.