



# **Local Healthcare Bill**

Response by  
**Renfrewshire SNP**  
**Council Group**

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The Renfrewshire SNP Council Group supports direct elections to health boards on the basis that it would provide better democratic accountability of board members. Difficult decisions will have to be taken, but public confidence in the process would be enhanced if there was a democratically elected element of boards.

Although Local Authority elected members serve on boards there remains a conflict between the role as nominee from a council (where the council expects them to serve as a representative for that area) and the role as a corporate member of the board.

Elected half of the membership of the board through direct elections may be a positive step.

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