

Dear Sir/ Madam

### **Disclosure Bill: Call for Evidence**

Further to the call for evidence for the Disclosure Bill, please note the following feedback from NHS Education for Scotland (NES).

#### **Lifelong Member Removal**

NES provides a Once for Scotland PVG service for all doctors in training across NHS Scotland Health Boards. The removal of lifelong membership means trainees will only have membership for a maximum of 5 years. This will result in an increased cost to NHS Scotland for those doctors in training for over 5 years, this increase in cost would come not only from the £18 fee for each additional application, but also from the cost of associated administration and digital processes, included additional tracking of renewals.

#### **Applicant request to review information on certificate**

Whilst NES understands that the ability to review certificates will only be for those who have 'other relevant criteria' as provided by Police Scotland recorded on the certificate, it remains unclear as to when in the application process this may happen and if this will impact on processing times, potentially leading to delays. Delays in these processes for doctors in training can ultimately impact on service provision in NHS Boards.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should further detail be helpful.

Yours sincerely

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