Finance Committee

Scottish Futures Trust/ NPD Programme

Submission from the Scottish Ambulance Service

Response

Scottish Futures Trust (SFT) has taken a leading role in encouraging co-location between NHS bodies and other emergency services in an effort to rationalise and improve public sector estate. This has recently been widened to bring in local authorities in an attempt to maximise the utilisation of their estate in a more productive and efficient manner for the wider public sector.

Through the SFT’s Non-Profit Distributing (NPD) programme heath boards have been able to commence work on a number of large scale projects including the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Edinburgh Dumfries & Galloway Royal Infirmary and replacement and hospital facilities at Orkney.

Through the hub initiative which brings a national approach to the delivery of new community infrastructure and the South East hubCo the Scottish Ambulance Service was able to undertake a major new build project in Melrose at a cost of over £2.5m replacing the old station with a state of the art replacement facility.

The SFT in its short history has proven to be a leading agent for collaborative working between public sector bodies and has taken an innovative approach to securing additional investment for the public sector securing better value for the public purse and improving public services.