Response from the Scottish Government Health Directorate regarding NHS Scotland’s property disposal strategy

In response to evidence given to the Local Government and regeneration Committee by Angus Council on 11 September 2013¹, regarding the asset and property disposal property of NHS Scotland, the attached response was received from the Scottish Government.

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Sent: Wednesday, September 18, 2013 4:27 PM
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Subject: NHS Facilities asset disposal policy and community regeneration

Sean,

I agreed that I would get back to you with a response.

It is incorrect to state that NHS disposal strategy is centralised. The responsibility for best use of NHS property assets, including the disposal of surplus property assets, lies with each health board.

When undertaking the disposal of property assets health boards are required to follow policy guidelines set out in the NHS Scotland Property Transactions Handbook and the Scottish Public Finance Manual.

Scottish Government is making resource available to support health boards and provide additional capacity to help progress surplus property disposals.

Best regards

Bettina

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¹ Local Government and Regeneration Committee, Official Report, 11 September 2013, Col 2556.