Health and Sport Committee

NHS Governance – Corporate Governance

Submission from Kenneth Barr

It is clearly time to cut the overweening burden of expensive administrators with little or no experience of front line services and give back the service to those with medical knowledge i.e. the Doctors and nurses and support them with administration staff. Let the Hospitals be run by a board of Doctors elected by the staff and not by pencil pushing bureaucrats whose knowledge of patient care is non-existent and whose only purpose in life is to advance their own career - not my words but those of a senior executive within the Highland Health Board when I broached the subject that anyone working in the health service primary responsibility should always be patient outcomes and safety.

It is clearly unsafe practice to have no spare capacity in Hospitals and the guideline targets for hospital bed occupancy should be reduced as a matter of urgency.