

**NHS Lanarkshire response to:**

**Call for evidence: The Food (Promotion and Placement) (Scotland) Regulations (SSI 2025/303)**

In principle we would welcome these regulations as it would bring Scotland in line with England and Wales, albeit timescales for response have prevented the opportunity to scrutinise the regulations in detail.

One area of concern is the exception in relation to store size (stores with a floor area of less than 185.8 m<sup>2</sup> (2,000 sq. ft)) as this will mean that hospital shops in the NHS Lanarkshire estate will be exempt from the Regulations.

As an NHS Board, we would strive to be exemplar in our health promoting activities for patients and staff, and we would view this as being a limitation in the Regulations and negatively impact our ability to reduce the availability of foods high in fat, sugar and salt across our estate.

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