



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

PUBLIC AUDIT AND POST-LEGISLATIVE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

25th Meeting, 2019 (Session 5)

Thursday 7 November 2019

Present:

Colin Beattie
Willie Coffey
Jenny Marra (Convener)
Anas Sarwar

Bill Bowman
Liam Kerr (Deputy Convener)
Alex Neil

The meeting opened at 9.02 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take items 4 and 5 in private.
2. **Post-legislative Scrutiny - The Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002:** The Committee took evidence in a roundtable format from—

Sheena Brennan, Information Manager (Disclosure), Police Scotland;

Calvin Brown, Director of Communications, NHS Lanarkshire;

Jackie Buchanan, Director of Legal and Democratic Services, Angus Council;

Graeme Forrester, Deputy Head of Board Administration, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde;

Anne Grzybowski, Information Compliance Manager, University of Edinburgh;

Leanne Jobling, Head of Information Governance and Data Protection Officer, Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service;

Lucy Mckenzie, Senior Customer Experience Officer, Aberdeen City

Council;

Dr Kenneth Meechan, Chair, Data Protection and FOI Working Group,
Society of Local Authority Lawyers and Administrators in Scotland.

3. **Section 23 Report - NHS in Scotland 2019:** The Committee took evidence from—

Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;

Leigh Johnston, Senior Manager, and Fiona Watson, Audit Manager,
Performance Audit and Best Value, Audit Scotland.

4. **Section 23 Report - NHS in Scotland 2019 (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence heard at agenda item 3 and took further evidence from—

Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;

Leigh Johnston, Senior Manager, and Fiona Watson, Audit Manager,
Performance Audit and Best Value, Audit Scotland.

The Committee agreed in the first instance to write to the Scottish Government on issues raised in the report.

5. **Post-legislative Scrutiny - The Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence heard at agenda item 2.

The meeting closed at 11.24 am.

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