

29 September 2014

NHS BORDERS BOARD MEETS IN MELROSE

NHS Borders Board will meet in Melrose this Thursday 2 October for its public board meeting.

The meeting is open to members of the public, and will take place in the NHS Borders Boardroom in Newstead, from 3.00pm to 5.00pm.

NHS Borders Board meets in public every two months to discuss current business as well as receive updates on the business of the NHS Borders' committees.

The Board is responsible for providing health care services to protect and improve the health of the people of the Borders and plan services for the local population. It is committed to forging effective links with all partners, such as patients, staff, local communities and disadvantaged groups, so their needs and views are placed at the heart of the design and delivery of local health services.

John Raine, Chair of NHS Borders said: "Our Public Board meetings are an important opportunity, not only for the Board to discuss current business and performance, but for local communities to be informed and involved in what we do.

"NHS Borders continues to work hard to achieve its targets. This is essential as we continue to ensure health care is safe, high quality and best value, and that the health of Borders people is improving."

The agenda for this month's meeting includes:

- A Hydrotherapy update
- An update to the Board on the current status of Healthcare Associated Infections (HAI) and infection control measures in NHS Borders.
- The annual report for the Borders Alcohol and Drugs Partnership

Ends

Notes to editors

Borders NHS Board functions include:

- strategy development: to develop a single local health plan which addresses health priorities;
- resource allocation to address local priorities and determining how Borders resources are deployed to meet strategic objectives;
- implementation of the local health plan;

- performance management of the NHS Borders health system.

For more information visit: <http://www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/corporate-information/board-members/>

Please contact Communications on 01896 828287 or 828261 for further information