

New chair for NHS Lothian

✘ The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing has announced the appointment of the new Chair to Lothian NHS Board – Mr Brian Houston. Mr Houston, a qualified accountant, brings to the board experience from both the private and public sectors.

He spent the early part of his career in financial and management accounting roles before later running two medium-sized companies as General Manager. He has worked as a management consultant specialising in strategy development, planning and implementation of major change programmes for clients in all industries and geographies. He has also worked as a consultant focussing on board level advice and support in strategy and change management.

In addition, Mr Houston has served as a Non-Executive Chairman and Director of several private companies and spent eight years on the board of Visit Scotland

NHS Lothian is responsible for the health needs of the second largest residential population in Scotland – around 800,000 people living in and around Edinburgh.

The board employs approximately 24,000 staff and provides a comprehensive range of primary, community-based and acute hospital services for the populations of Edinburgh, Midlothian, East Lothian and West Lothian. Several of its renowned specialties serve people across south-east Scotland and nationally.

This appointment will be for four years and will run from April 15, 2013 to April 14, 2017, and is part-time and attracts a remuneration of £39,936 for a time commitment of three days per week.