

# Five things you need to know today



**NHS Lothian looking for board members**

**Music to your ears from the Edinburgh Quartet**

**Pleasance Day Centre Memory Café**

**Royal Blind Pub Quiz**

**Responsible investment event**

Looking for a new job? NHS Lothian is looking for new members to join its board and help shape the region's health care.

The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing will appoint five new non-executive board members over the next year. The new members will be expected to play a central role in guiding strategies to address the health priorities and health care needs of people living in Lothian.

Brian Houston, Chairman of NHS Lothian board, said: "We are looking for diverse candidates with a wide-range of experience who can represent their community and voice the needs of local people.

"This challenging but demanding role gives the right candidates the opportunity to play an important role in shaping health care and ensuring it meets the needs of the local community."

New board members will be recruited for a period of four years. The role will require a part-time commitment of around eight hours a week and will include tasks such as attending board and committee meetings, background reading and

operational site visits.

Shulah Allan, who joined NHS Lothian's Board as a non-executive member four years ago, said: "The role is much more than going to meetings. It's about participating in decision making, reviewing the challenges and successes and planning the way forward. As non- executive Directors we have a unique opportunity to take part and be involved in our local health services and shaping how they are delivered, day in and day out."

For an application pack and full details please visit the public appointments website: [www.appointed-for-scotland.org](http://www.appointed-for-scotland.org) or [www.nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk](http://www.nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk)

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On **Wednesday 27 May** the Edinburgh Quartet will give the first performances of ***Silent Shores***, a newly commissioned string quartet by Scottish composer Tom Harrold.

The new work features in a programme entitled "**Youth**" – celebrating music by composers, namely Mendelssohn, Beethoven and Webern, at the outset of their careers.

Composer Tom Harrold said:

"My second string quartet, *Silent Shores*, depicts an early-morning boat crossing I was on to the Isle of Arran, in which the island (when viewed from the boat) was shrouded in a cold, still mist. The calmness, serenity and beauty at this scene resonated with me. The work is constructed of three adjoined movements: the first features a haunting, baleful melody; the second is scurrying and frenetic, with hints of reels heard throughout; and the third passage returns to the earlier melodic material, although it is hazier, perhaps even damaged, in this passage. The work is one of the more substantial works in my recent output, and I am thrilled and humbled that the Edinburgh Quartet is giving the world premiere".

The Edinburgh Quartet commissioned this new work with financial support from Creative Scotland.

Wednesday 27 May 7.30pm, Queen's Hall, Edinburgh 0131 668 2019 [www.thequeenshall.net](http://www.thequeenshall.net)

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### Pleasance Day Centre – Memory Cafe

A new service started in March this year for anyone affected by Dementia, including families and carers.

Go along, meet others, share your experiences, take part in discussions and a range of activities and enjoy some refreshments.

This is a free service but they suggest a donation of £1 towards the cost of refreshments.

### **Where is it?**

7 West Adam Street (Just off the Pleasance)  
EH8 9SX

### **When?**

Mondays 10.30 am to 12.30 pm.

For more information telephone Roy Henderson or Ellen Graham on 0131-558 3728

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You can still enter the Royal Blind Pub Quiz which takes place on 20 May 2015. This year the quiz will be held at a new venue, Hemma above the Tun on Holyrood Road. Visit their [website](#) for more information about this and also abseiling for the charity from the Forth Bridge!

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Cllr Jim Orr will host a discussion on “Responsible Investment – Lessons from Denmark” at 6pm on May 18th at the City Chambers in association with Nordic Horizons. The guest speakers will be Zaiga Strautmane, Head of ESG (Environment, Social Justice and Governance) at UniPension in Denmark and Marianne Harper Gow, Head of Corporate Governance at Baillie Gifford, who will provide a local perspective on what responsible investment means to Scottish pension firms and what more we could do.. The event will be chaired by Sarah Smart, an independent financial adviser.

Cllr Orr said “I’m looking forward to learning more about Unipension’s approach to responsible investment which I understand involves screening out businesses and sectors considered to be irresponsible or unethical and working with others to improve behaviour. So they are interested in much more than the bottom line. Here in Scotland, the ethics of our financial services industry are under scrutiny as never before and few of us want our pensions or investments to damage the environment, or support the production of weapons that hurt civilians, or even encourage smoking. This is a great opportunity to learn from our Scandinavian neighbours and I’m delighted that Nordic Horizons are supporting the event.”

UniPension operates pension schemes for three separate professions, investing funds of around £10 billion.

A Q&A session will follow and after the event participants will be welcome to come for drinks in Hemma, the Swedish bar on Holyrood Road: <http://www.bodabar.com/hemma/>

The event is free and registration can be done via Eventbrite here: <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/responsible-investment-lessons-from-denmark-tickets-16454582098>

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