

**Statement on “Modernising Scientific Careers. The UK way forward” from the Scottish
Forum for Healthcare Science.**

The forum welcomes the publication of “Modernising Scientific Careers. The UK way forward.” Together with the Chief Health Professions Officer in Scotland, NHS Education Scotland, the local area HCS forums and other stakeholders, the forum will be taking forward discussions on what this might mean for Scotland. The future development of healthcare science in Scotland was set out in 2007 with the publication of “Safe, Accurate and Effective. An Action Plan for Healthcare Science in NHS Scotland”. Significant progress has already been made in implementing the recommendations of that document, including those referring to education and training. That work will continue. We will now look at how the principles set out in “Modernising Scientific Careers” align with the Scottish plan for healthcare science education and training.

We will continue to take this work forward in a transparent and inclusive manner. There will be opportunities for all who wish to do so to contribute. The overriding aim must be to develop a service that is first and foremost best for the patients in NHS Scotland.