

**NHSCR Governance Board
Relocation Of NHSCR – Progress Report**

Background

1. As part of the Scottish Executive's policy of creating public sector job opportunities across Scotland, Ministers decided that the NHSCR would relocate to Dumfries. The Dumfries Office opened at the end of May 2005 at the start of a period of parallel running planned to finish in March 2006. At the last meeting, the Board noted that good progress was being made and that service quality and speed was being maintained.

Progress Report

2. The period of parallel running completed as planned at the end of March. By that date, the Dumfries staff had become thoroughly conversant with all aspects of the work and were providing a satisfactory service for health boards and medical researchers, including putting the finishing touches to work to help set up the Scottish Longitudinal Study Database.

3. At the end of March, the remaining staff at Edinburgh either retired or moved to other jobs in GROS or the wider Scottish Executive 'family'.

4. The NHSCR continues to occupy temporary accommodation. A start to work on its permanent home has been delayed and is not expected to be completed until the end of the year. But this is not significantly handicapping the work of the unit.

Recommendation

5. The Board is invited to note the position.

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