# POLICY NOTE

# THE HEALTHCARE IMPROVEMENT SCOTLAND (INSPECTIONS) AMENDMENT REGULATIONS 2024

## SSI 2024/171

The above instrument was made in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 10O of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978. The instrument is subject to the affirmative procedure.

**Summary Box**

The purpose of the instrument is to allow inspectors, authorised by HIS under section 10K of the National Health Services (Scotland) Act 1978, to inspect medical records.

**Policy Objectives**

The instrument will amend regulation 5 of the Healthcare Improvement Scotland (Inspections) Regulations 2011 to allow 'a person authorised by HIS to carry out an inspection under section 10K (authorised persons)' to inspect medical records.

The current list of professions restricts who HIS is able to draw upon to inspect medical records as part of their inspections. Currently, the ability to inspect medical records as part of inspections undertaken by HIS is restricted to medical practitioners, registered nurses, pharmacists, and registered dentists.

**EU Alignment Consideration**

This instrument is not relevant to the Scottish Government's policy to maintain alignment with the EU.

**Consultation**

No public consultation was required for this instrument.

**Impact Assessments**

A Child Rights and Wellbeing, Equality, Fairer Duty Scotland, and Island Communities impact assessment have been completed on the draft SSI and are attached. There are no foreseen impact issues and no action is being taken.

**Financial Effects**

There are no foreseen impact issues and no action is being taken.

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