EXECUTIVE NOTE

THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE CENTRAL REGISTER (SCOTLAND) AMENDMENT REGULATIONS 2011

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These Regulations amend the National Health Service Central Register (Scotland) Regulations 2006 ("the 2006 Regulations") which prescribe the information that can be shared by the Register General for Scotland in operating the National Health Service Central Register ("NHSCR") for Scotland.

Policy Objectives

The purpose of this instrument is to include the Statistics Board as a body with which NHSCR information can be shared. The National Health Service Central Register (Scotland) Regulations 2008 amended the 2006 Regulations to reflect the transfer of the equivalent National Health Service Central Register for England and Wales from the Office for National Statistics, on the abolition of that office, to the Health and Social Care Information Centre, a Special Health Authority which is part of the NHS in England and Wales. It has now been realised that another successor of the Office for National Statistics - the Statistics Board set up under the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007 – also needs access to Scottish NHSCR information for UK demographic statistics (particularly on migration within the UK) and research.

Consultation

The Statistics Board has been consulted about the Regulations. No other consultation seemed appropriate for this minor change which reinstates arrangements which applied between 2006 and 2008.

Impact Assessments

There are no equality impact issues.

Financial Effects

The instrument has no financial effects on the National Records of Scotland, the Scottish Government, local government or on business.

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