

## DA Board Member report 2023/24

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| Board member name: Moi Ali  |
| Devolved administration: Scotland   |
| <p><b><i>Summary of stakeholder engagement activities in 2023/24</i></b></p> <p>I presented at a meeting for new staff members of the Scottish Government professional regulation team, which was useful both for them (I hope) and for me. It was an opportunity to explain the role of devolved member and to discuss engagement with Scottish Government.</p> <p>When the Board met in Edinburgh in September, I chaired the in-person roundtable event on barriers to complaints, and subsequently both wrote a blog on the subject and chaired the UK online event. Although attendance at the Edinburgh event was disappointing, it was a useful opportunity to listen to patient voices, which helped to shape the subsequent online conference. It was also a good opportunity to engage with the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman.</p> <p>I also attended (with the CEO in person and the Chair online) a meeting with the then Scottish Health Secretary Michael Matheson. We discussed Safer Care for All, amongst other issues.</p> |
| <p><b><i>Other Devolved Administration activities in 2023/24</i></b></p> <p>In a one-to-one with the PSA's Head of Stakeholder Engagement and Communications to discuss the four-country approach to stakeholder engagement (from a Scotland perspective), it was agreed that the challenge is to maintain interest in the PSA in Scotland all year round. 'Warming up' stakeholders only when the PSA will be meeting north of the border will not work, and the PSA needs to demonstrate its relevance to Scottish stakeholders and needs to show that although based in London, it is a four-country organisation. This no doubt applies to other jurisdictions too. The direction of travel this year has been promising, but it will take time.</p>  |
| <p><b><i>Planned stakeholder engagement in 2024 (to end of term)</i></b></p> <p>I have no specific planned activities other than the usual engagement, in the remaining nine months of my final term of office.</p>   |

***Suggestions for Authority work priorities in relation to the Devolved Administration in 2023/24***

The Scottish Government is currently consulting on planned legislation to end conversion practices which seek to change or suppress a person's sexual orientation or gender identity.

The proposed legislation covers therapy or counselling that requires a person to change or suppress on their same sex attraction; and prescribing medication to suppress a person's sex drive. As such, it is an issue on which the PSA will wish to keep a watching brief. I understand that the PSA hopes to respond to the consultation.

With the appointment of Neil Gray, the new Cabinet Secretary for NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care, the PSA will no doubt wish to have a meeting at some point this year.

Last year I expressed a hope to see stronger links forged with patients' organisations in Scotland, and this remains an area requiring work.