

Western Isles Health Board

Board Meeting 24.10.18 7.1

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Title:**REVISED GAELIC LANGUAGE PLAN 2018-2023**

Purpose:	Revised Gaelic Plan Consultation - The plan has been approved by CMT on the	
	16.10.18 and is fit for consultation. The Board need to approve that the plan can	
	be circulated for the consultation period.	

Recommendation:	The Board / Committee is invited to:	
	Note for Information / Assurance	
	Approve	Approve the plan for consultation.
	Discuss	

This should provide sufficient information to enable the committee to understand the	
key points of the paper being presented. If covering a large complex document specific	
pages or sections of relevance should be highlighted. This should enable members to	
contribute to a focused discussion and, if necessary, make an informed decision.	
The Gaelic Plan 2018-2023 was discussed at CMT on 16.10.18 and it was agreed to	
release for public consultation over a 6 week period.	
There are 7 commitments within the plan (p22-26)	
1. To improve on Gaelic public signage	
2. Provide opportunities for Gaelic language classes. (those are currently provided	
through Ulpan	
3. Promote Gaelic as a commendable language skill	
4. Encourage reception staff to give a simple greeting, eg "madainn mhath/ feasgar	
math- Western Isles Hospital- how can I help you?"	
5. Incorporate Gaelic key messages on to public web site	
6. Create greater awareness & distribution of Bookbug literature	
7. Sharing of current Gaelic resources with local authority and IJB social care staff	
The two points that attracted the most discussion at CMT included the reception greeting	
and inclusion of Gaelic as a commendable skill within a selected/ discrete number of	
posts.	
CMT members will be added to the feedback/comments we receive from the public	
on to the relevant Results of Consultation page in the Plan, after November 30th	



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when the consultation concludes
A foreword from the Chairman and CEO will be incorporated in to the Plan.

Risk:	Are there any significant risks related to this topic? ✓ Yes No If yes, please describe below:	
	Risk Register – If the risk on the Corporate Risk Register please detail, including the specific Risk ID	

Competence	Does the topic have any impact on the following Governance Standards: \checkmark		
Financial Impact	YesNoIf yes, please describe below:		
Clinical Impact	Yes No If yes, please describe below:		
Human Resource Impact	Yes No If yes, please describe below:		

Approval	Committees presented to:	Date:
Pathways	СМТ	16.10.18
	Committees to be presented to:	Date:
	Board	24.10.18



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