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Dear Colleagues

**PUBLICATION OF ‘HEALTHCARE SCIENCE IN SCOTLAND: DEFINING OUR STRATEGIC APPROACH’ PAPER**

I am writing to let you know that the first paper in our ‘Healthcare Science in Scotland’ series, will be published on Thursday 14 March 2024 on the Scottish Government website.

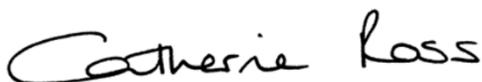
The ‘*Healthcare Science in Scotland: Defining our Strategic Approach*’ paper will be available via this link: [Healthcare Science in Scotland: Defining Our Strategic Approach](#) from 13:00 on that day. However, I am attaching an embargoed copy along with this letter for your information. Please do not share this more widely before the publication time noted above.

Publication of this paper is an important step forward as it will act as an anchor to all of our future work in relation to healthcare science in Scotland. It demonstrates a commitment to ensuring healthcare science is fully embedded in service planning and delivery at a local and national level, therefore ensuring the NHS in Scotland is prepared to meet the changing needs of our population.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognise, and thank, our workforce across the NHS in Scotland – and beyond – who contributed so meaningfully to help shape this work. Their valuable contribution has demonstrated how beneficial the principles of co-production are in work like this.

I look forward to working closely with you in the future as we continue to develop this work.

Yours sincerely,



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