

# SCOTTISH HOSPITAL PUBLIC INQUIRY

Opening Statement

on behalf of

NHS National Services Scotland

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National Services Scotland (NSS) would like to place on record our deep sympathy for the patients and families affected by the issues before the Inquiry. We will listen closely to their evidence and are committed to supporting the Inquiry in any way that we can. We hope that the Inquiry will be able to give those affected – and the wider public – a full understanding of what happened. NSS is ready to help implement the findings of the final report and any interim reports. We will work with partners to ensure that lessons learned are acted upon in support of national infection prevention and control and the continuous improvement of Scotland's health estate.