

## **Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 - Participation Requests and Asset Transfer Requests**

### **Annual Report 2024/25**

The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 has been established to enhance community involvement in community planning by creating new opportunities for influencing public service provision and decision making, including how community assets are owned and managed. The Act introduces new rights to community bodies to make participation requests and asset transfer requests to health boards and other public service authorities.

An easy read summary of the Act can be found on the Scottish Government Website. The Act covers 11 different topics and the short guide takes you through these. If you want to know more, you can read further on the community empowerment section of the website - <https://beta.gov.scot/policies/community-empowerment/>.

Sections 32 and 95 of the Act require that we produce an annual report which is to include certain information on participation requests and asset transfer requests.

### **Activity in 2024/25**

During 2024/25 Lothian NHS Board received no participation request and no asset transfer requests.

Lothian NHS Board has published information on its website about participation requests and asset transfer requests, and this includes details on who to approach for help. You can find the information at the links below:

<https://www.nhslothian.scot/yourrights/community-empowerment-scotland-act-2015/>