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Dear Mr Stevens

Consultation on UK policy framework for health and social care research

NHS Ayrshire & Arran welcomes the opportunity to comment on the UK policy framework for health and social care research.

Within the revised document there is an emphasis on compatible standards for research ethics, conduct and management. This is essential and welcomed to further develop the huge potential for cross border research.

It would be helpful to have further guidance on the acceptance of the role of Sponsor in research for education purposes. There should be more clarity on the statement 'unless the student's employment means it is more appropriate for a health or social care provider to do this'.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Graham', written in a cursive style.

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