Please see attached information on new Scottish disability benefits.   We are seeking further clarification on the process for requests using SCI Gateway as described in the fact sheet and will provide further detail when available.

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In preparation for the upcoming launch of Scottish disability benefits, the Social Security Directorate of the Scottish Government have been working with representatives from the Scottish GP Committee of the British Medical Association, Royal College of GPs Scotland and the NHS Scotland Information Governance Forum on an **Information Sharing Agreement**. The Agreement covers the sharing that may be required when one of your patients wants help gathering supporting information during an application for a disability benefit. This process is similar to the ‘GP Factual Reports’ or DS1500 forms you complete for the UK Department for Work and Pensions currently.

The fact sheet attached provides a top line summary of the sharing and the Agreement, for your information. **Please take a few minutes to read the fact sheet**.

The Information Sharing Agreement is currently undergoing final review with our GP and NHS Scotland representatives. It will be ready for signatures in October. I will be in contact with you again at this time to provide a copy of the Agreement and request that your practice signs-up.

Should you have any questions or require any clarifications in the meantime, please do get in contact with me at [SSinfosharing@gov.scot](mailto:SSinfosharing@gov.scot), or consult with your own information governance advisers.

Regards,

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