



For Action

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For Information

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Dear Colleagues

**SPECIAL PUBLIC HOLIDAY TO CELEBRATE THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM
JUBILEE**

Summary

1. As has already been [announced](#), there will be a special public holiday for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Thursday 2 June 2022.
2. This circular is to confirm that GP contractors will be entitled to an additional day's public holiday in 2022 on Friday 3 June 2022.

Background

3. The National Health Service (General Medical Services Contracts) (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (the 2004 Regulations) define the "out of hours period" as "including Christmas Day, New Year's Day and any other public or local holiday. "Public or local holiday" is in turn defined as "any public or local holiday which is agreed in writing between the Health Board and the contractor and which shall, in aggregate, be no less than those available to NHS staff employed by the Health Board".

Leave Arrangements

4. NHS Boards are therefore asked to agree in writing with GP contractors any holiday arrangements that will apply on Friday 3 June.

Communication

5. NHS boards should ensure that they advertise their public holiday schedules on notice boards, patient leaflets and through the local media and their website.
6. Clear communication should be given in a timely fashion so all patients are aware in advance of which services are available during public holidays.

Action

7. NHS Boards are asked to action this guidance and to bring this circular to the attention of all relevant staff and contractors.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Naureen" followed by a stylized circular flourish.

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