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| **The Scottish Government**  Health Finance and Infrastructure Division |  | |
| Dear Colleague  **NHSSCOTLAND WASTE MANAGEMENT ACTION PLAN 2016-2020**  **Summary**  This letter provides colleagues with a copy of the **NHSScotland Waste Management Action Plan 2016-2020** (Annexe A).  **Background**  The NHSScotland Waste Management Action Plan 2016-2020 draws on the requirements of the previous 2013-2016 Action Plan which was issued to assist NHS Boards prepare for the requirements of the Waste (Scotland) Regulations 2012. The 2016-2020 Action Plan has been prepared to assist NHS Boards in continuing to meet their statutory obligations. It also aims to improve practice through identifying options for greater efficiency and, where possible, gaining value from the services in place and reducing costs where possible.  **Action**  The NHSScotland Waste Management Action Plan 2016-2020 supersedes all previous versions with immediate effect. Chief Executives and other recipients must ensure that the NHSScotland Waste Management Action Plan 2016-2020 is brought to the attention of all staff within their area of responsibility.  The Action Plan identifies the requirements that NHS Boards should already have in place. Those Boards that do not have all these requirements in place should treat them as priority actions and action appropriate measures to address any gaps.  Copies of the Action Plan are also available for download at the Health Facilities Scotland website:  <http://www.hfs.scot.nhs.uk/> |  | **DL (2017) 03**  **1 March 2017** | |
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