

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

Annual Report 2021/22

The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 was 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 sets out the rights of community bodies to make participation requests and asset transfer requests to health boards and other public service authorities.

Scottish Government guidance on the Act can be found on the Scottish Government Website. If you want to know more, you can read further on the community empowerment section of the website:

[Community empowerment - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](http://www.gov.scot)

[\(www.gov.scot/policies/community-empowerment/\)](http://www.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 2021/22

During 2021/22 Lothian NHS Board received no participation requests and no asset transfer requests.

Lothian NHS Board has reviewed the register of property interests for accuracy.

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 link below:

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