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# GJF LogoBoard: 21 June 2018

**Subject:** Corporate Parenting Policy

**Recommendation:** Board members are asked to approve the Corporate Parenting Policy

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## 1 Background

Corporate Parenting is defined as: 'an organisation’s performance of actions necessary to uphold the rights and secure the wellbeing of a looked after child or care leaver, and through which physical, emotional, spiritual, social and educational development is promoted' (Statutory Guidance on Corporate Parenting, Scottish Government, 2015).

Section 56 of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 identifies the Golden Jubilee Foundation (GJF) as one of the ‘Corporate Parents’, which also includes all NHS Boards.

Our duties as a Corporate Parent are set out in Part 9 of the Act, and we have a number of other responsibilities under additional Parts of the legislation. These duties are not the responsibility of a single named individual, post holder or unit, and are delivered jointly as an organisation, embedded into the way we work.

**2 Proposals**

There are 6 Legal duties within the legislation and this policy outlines the need for our Corporate Parenting Policy and responsibilities and actions in order to meet these duties.

### 3 Consultation

We have been asked to submit information to the Scottish Government with respect to our Corporate Parenting Plan; this was submitted on 29 March.

**4 Resource implication**

There are no anticipated resource implications to adopting this policy.

**5 Impact on Equalities**

There is a positive impact on Equalities by addressing the needs of our younger patients who may have been looked after children.

**6 Conclusion/Recommendation**

Board members are asked to approve the Corporate Parenting Policy.

**Anne Marie Cavanagh**

**Executive Nurse Director**

**4 June 2018**

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