

Delivering care through collaboration

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Professor Sir Jim McDonald
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Dear Professor Sir Jim McDonald

Following the Strategic Partnership and Framework Agreement between our two institutions, I write to you to formally request that NHS Golden Jubilee be considered as a recipient of University Status by the University of Strathclyde.

Our Board strongly believes that our relationship with the University of Strathclyde presents us with unprecedented national and international opportunities to benefit the future of health and social care delivery.

By making the best use of the combination of specialised academic and healthcare experience to explore exciting and beneficial reform to patient care and workforce roles, we will deliver genuine world-leading innovative solutions to healthcare and staff delivery models.

Our relationship is one that can help support the remobilisation of NHS Scotland in a sustained way. It will have a focus on healthcare redesign, helping our NHS stay at the forefront of research and delivery and ensuring that Scotland is leading the way in discovering new ways of working.

Moreover, we will also support each other as 'places of useful learning' – our responsibility to research, teach and be of benefit to society, providing best in class, accredited education which complements and supports all aspects of healthcare.

Examples of the potential benefits to both organisations from University NHS Board status include:

NHS Golden Jubilee:

- Increased reputation through collaboration with a world renowned learning institution.
- Supporting national NHS remobilisation through workforce and development opportunities.
- Providing a foundation for NHS Golden Jubilee and national sustainable services through research and innovation.
- Provide an added academic dimension to healthcare solutions for the future.
- Attracting undergraduates and graduates to work for NHS Golden Jubilee and wider NHS.
- Supporting our existing workforce through learning and development opportunities.

University:

- Increased reputation with NHS, Scottish Government through contributions to National initiatives.
- Funding of joint posts and doctoral research.
- Placements and internships for Strathclyde MSc and undergraduate students.
- Contributions to teaching courses by NHS staff, including clinical secondments.
- Access to clinical/health care environments for the University's PhD students.
- Possibility of hospital based footprint for some of the University's Departments/Institutes (e.g. SIPBS).
- Access to funding routes for collaborative projects and better chances of success e.g. with MRC and CSO.
- Attraction of Strathclyde to staff and students wishing to research and study clinical/health care subjects.

I have attached two documents which illustrate the scope of the relationship between our organisations: the *Shared Interests* paper describes the National initiatives the Golden Jubilee leads and shows where Strathclyde could contribute based on its expertise; the paper also provides a list of potential collaborative research topics we have identified. The second paper on *Developing the Relationship* gives examples of areas where discussions have advanced and how plans could be implemented.

Please let me know if you need any further information and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

On behalf of the NHS Golden Jubilee Board, thank you for considering our request.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J Gardner". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J" that loops under the name.

Jann Gardner
Chief Executive