

## NHS Highland Commitment on Water Stewardship

NHS Highland commits to supporting the Caithness General Hospital in pursuit of responsible water stewardship through our participation in the Alliance for Water Stewardship Scheme (AWS). The scheme requires that we...

*"...understand our own water use, catchment context and shared risk in terms of water governance, water balance, water quality and important water-related areas; and then engage in meaningful individual and collective actions that benefit people and nature."*

Implementation of the AWS Standard is intended to achieve the following five outcomes:

1. Good water governance on-site
2. Sustainable water balance in the catchment area
3. Good water quality status in the catchment area
4. Healthy Important Water-Related Areas in the catchment area
5. Safe water, sanitation and hygiene for all

As a major user of water, NHS Highland makes the following commitments:

- *To respect the rights of workers on-site to have access to safe water, adequate sanitation and hygiene.*
- *To engage stakeholders throughout our efforts in an open and transparent manner and that the site will comply with all legal and regulatory requirements as well as respect all legal and water-related rights and relevant water-related national and international treaties.*
- *To coordinate with and supporting public sector agencies in their efforts to encourage water-related planning and implement water-related policies.*
- *To continually improve and adapt our water stewardship actions, plans and outcomes and ensure that there is sufficient organisational capacity to successfully implement the AWS standard and to communicate that information.*
- *Disclose material water-related information to all relevant audiences in an appropriate format.*

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