

# Core brief

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## Introduction

This issue provides information on the Supreme Court ruling on Named Person; the appointment of Dr Chris Smith as a Clinical Champion for Diabetes UK; and reminds staff to complete their staff attitude survey on employability and financial inclusion survey.

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## Named Person - Supreme Court Ruling

As you are aware, the Supreme Court issued its ruling on “The Christian Institute and others (Appellants) v The Lord Advocate (Respondent) (Scotland)” yesterday on the four specific elements of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 that were sent for appeal following the rulings by the Outer House and the Inner House of the Court of Session to dismiss these matters.

In summary, the appeal concerned the question of whether the provisions of Part 4 of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 lay within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament.

The Supreme Court:

- Ruled that the principle of providing a named person for every child does not breach human rights and is compatible with EU law
- Rejected the petitioners’ argument that the legislation relates to reserved matters
- Ruled that changes are required to the information-sharing provisions of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act to make those provisions compatible with Article 8 of the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR).

In terms of how this affects our current position in NHS Greater and Clyde, the Supreme Court has requested a response from the Scottish Government on how they will make the Information Sharing provisions compatible with Article 8 of the ECHR within 42 days.

We await confirmation from the Scottish Government on how this will affect actual timescales for the introduction of The Act, in practice, for our staff, and Mr Swinney states that “The service will be implemented nationally at the earliest possible date”.

[Click here](#) to read the full Scottish Government news release.

### **Consultant diabetologist becomes a clinical champion**

Dr Chris Smith, Consultant Diabetologist at the Royal Alexandra Hospital has been appointed as a Clinical Champion for Diabetes UK.

A total of 18 Clinical Champions have been selected by the charity this year based on their skills, clinical expertise, passion and integrity, and potential to make a real difference in delivering tangible improvements in care for people with diabetes.

Chris and the other 17 Clinical Champions will be supported in their workplace by the charity, through a two year leadership programme, to transform care for people living with diabetes.

[Click here to read the full press release.](#)

### **Reminder...**

The closing date for the staff attitude survey on employability and financial inclusion is Monday 8 August, have you completed it yet? [Click here to take the survey.](#)

**Are your contact details up-to-date? [Click here](#) to check**