

Motion S4M-01763: Alex Fergusson, Galloway and West Dumfries, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party, Date Lodged: 19/01/2012

A Road to Health

That the Parliament commends the Dumfries and Galloway Third Sector Forum for its participation in the Parliament's Third Community Partnerships Project and the report on its public consultation entitled *Road to Health*, which has identified a number of issues relating to the transport of older people to and from hospital and clinical appointments; notes that the forum's conclusions highlight a belief that there is a need for NHS boards and local authorities to work together to maximise the effectiveness of transport for older patients and their carers attending hospital appointments and day care centres, and that adequate transport provision in remote and rural areas is vital for the health and wellbeing of older citizens; further notes the findings of the report that different regions of Scotland have different approaches to this issue, and believes that there is a need to develop a national strategy with best practice guidelines for the adequate provision of such transport to address the issues highlighted in *Road to Health* as soon as is practicable.

Supported by: Hugh Henry, Elaine Murray, Jim Hume, David Torrance, Aileen McLeod, Jamie McGrigor, John Lamont, Sandra White, Jackson Carlaw, Jackie Baillie, Nanette Milne, Chic Brodie, Margaret Mitchell, Richard Simpson, Annabel Goldie, Dennis Robertson, Mary Scanlon, Gil Paterson, Colin Beattie, Claudia Beamish

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