

PARTICIPATION REQUESTS

Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015

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INTRODUCTION

A participation request is a process which enables a community to request to work alongside a public service authority to improve an outcome. Communities have a right to make a participation request as set out in Part 3 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015.

The community should outline how it can help achieve the improvement it has identified when requesting to be involved in process. This provides an opportunity for the community to set the agenda around how to tackle the need or issue it's identified.

As a public service authority, HIE has a duty to respond to, and report on, Participation Requests received.

Section 32 of the Act requires every relevant authority to publish an annual report setting out the numbers of participation requests received and their outcomes – see Section 1. The report must also describe anything the relevant authority has done to promote the use of participation requests and support community participation bodies to make requests – see Section 2.

SECTION 1

REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 2017 TO 31 MARCH 2018

Report measure	1 April 2017 – 31 March 2018
How many participation requests were received	0
How many requests were agreed to or refused	0
The number of requests which resulted in changes to a public service provided by, or on behalf of, the public service authority	0

During this reporting period, HIE had not received any enquiries, expressions of interest or requests for further information about Participation Requests.

SECTION 2

PARTICIPATION REQUEST PROMOTION AND SUPPORT

Specific support

No enquiries were received so no 'client-specific' support was provided.

General support

We have created a new page on our website to promote and publish participation requests: <http://www.hie.co.uk/community-support/community-assets/community-empowerment-act.html>

Ends