

## HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD Agenda Item 20(b)

**Subject: Public Involvement – Written Questions**

**Date of meeting: 8 November 2022**

### WRITTEN QUESTIONS

A period of not more than fifteen minutes shall be allowed at each ordinary meeting for questions submitted by a member of the public.

The question will be answered without discussion. The person who asked the question may ask one relevant supplementary question, which shall be put and answered without discussion. The person to whom a question, or supplementary question, has been put may decline to answer it.

The following written questions have been received from members of the public:

(1) **Women's Health** - Ms Jean Calder:

“There are widespread concerns about women’s health, nationally and locally. These include low take-up of smear tests, dangerous maternity provision, cuts to female-only services and a failure to address female illnesses such as endometriosis. The Government’s recent consultation on women’s health released a tsunami of dissatisfaction from many thousands of women who reported widespread sexism within health services and arrogant indifference to women’s needs. In response, the Women’s Health Ambassador, Professor Lesley Regan has called for Women’s Health Hubs across the country. Will you support this initiative, ensuring that if government money becomes available, we bid for it?”

