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Poster on their medical rights designed by young people

A poster informing young people of their rights when visiting a doctor has been launched today. The poster was designed by a group of young people aged between 13 and 15 years, as part of a project commissioned by the General Medical Council (GMC) and run by the National Children's Bureau (NCB) in partnership with Children in Scotland.

The young people from Scotland and across the UK produced the final design with the help of a professional designer after reviewing key messages from the GMC's *0-18 years: guidance for all doctors*. That guidance sets out doctors' responsibilities to act always in the best interests of children and young people, to listen to them and to involve them in decisions that affect them.

John Jenkins, Chairman of the GMC Standards and Ethics Committee that produced the 0-18 years: guidance for all doctors, said: 'We have worked with partners across the UK to help spread the message that young people are individuals with rights that should be respected. A poster designed by young people for young people should help explain what they can expect from their doctors and how they can help them to provide care in a way that is relevant to them.'

Jonathan Sher, Director of Policy, Children in Scotland noted: 'Getting good health care and good health advice is the right of every child and young person in Scotland. We applaud the effort of the General Medical Council and the National Children's Bureau to produce valuable guidance for doctors, as well as the poster to raise awareness of the right relationship between doctors and their young patients. It is especially helpful that young people and children's groups from all four nations within the UK were involved in the development process.'

Copies of the poster are available free of charge from Hannah Goodrum at Children in Scotland hgoodrum@childreninScotland.org.uk or downloadable from www.gmc-uk.org/children

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Notes to Editors

1. The General Medical Council (GMC) registers doctors to practise medicine in the UK. Our purpose is to protect, promote and maintain the health and safety of the public by ensuring proper standards in the practice of medicine. The GMC has advice for doctors on how to care for children and young people. For further information visit www.gmc-uk.org
2. Children in Scotland is the national agency for voluntary, statutory and professional organisations and individuals working with children and their families in Scotland. It exists to identify and promote the interests of children and their families and to ensure that relevant policies, services and provision are of the best possible quality and able to meet the demands of a diverse society. For further information visit: <http://www.childreninscotland.org.uk>
3. NCB's mission is to advance the well-being of all children and young people across every aspect of their lives. As a membership and infrastructure support agency for the children's sector in England and Northern Ireland, NCB provides essential information on policy, research and best practice for our members and the members of our wide range of partnership bodies, which operate under our charitable status and are based in our London headquarters. For further information visit www.ncb.org.uk

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