Highland Senior Citizens Network Chairman's Annual Report
April 2025 to March 2026

The financial support that we received from NHS Highland was reduced at the end of March 2025 and ceased altogether from April 2026.

We would like to thank The Great Wilderness Challenge for continuing to support HSCN as one of their nominated charities.

As a result of the loss of a reliable funding stream the Trustees were forced to issue redundancy notices to our two part-time Coordinators with effect from 31st July 2025 with the statutory redundancy payments based on the length of service of each Coordinator.

Given the limited time in post remaining to the Coordinators their main focus was the News-sheets, which continued to be valued by members and affiliated groups. Their loss had a profound effect on the service to our members. Our Trustees devoted time and energy to seek funding from alternative sources but this, unfortunately, proved unsuccessful.

The weekly online Get-togethers continued throughout the year and several guest speakers were invited, presenting on a wide range of topics.

During the financial year, we were ably supported by Donna Maclaren and Pauline Mackintosh of Shamrock Mac Services (renamed Vital Edge).

Finally, we wish to record the death of Brian Devlin, long-standing Trustee and media spokesperson, who died in March. His wisdom is greatly missed.



Dr H I McNamara (Chairman)

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