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The Breastfeeding Network Statement on Scotland's Choice to stay with the United Kingdom

Breastfeeding Network's vision is a society where mums and families are able to make informed decisions about breastfeeding, to access help when they need it and to become confident in their choices. The support we offer mums, babies and families knows no geographical, class or political boundaries.

However, as a UK-wide charity with deep roots in Scotland we have all been touched by the outcome of the referendum. Whether you are celebrating or commiserating all of us have been impressed and re-invigorated by the passion of this debate and the levels of political participation, that is, unprecedented. While today Scotland voted to stay within the United Kingdom. The 'No' vote was not a vote to stay as we were but to change and continue the process of devolution.

The BfN Board of Directors are committed to ensuring BfN stays true to its charitable objectives and mission to work with all mums and families, especially those where the barriers they face to follow their choice are greater. However, the referendum is an important reminder that BfN must keep looking ahead to understand the impact of constitutional change on our charitable work.

BfN looks forward to seeing members at this year's AGM in Glasgow, where a statement will be made on the referendum by the Board of Directors. If you haven't yet booked there is still time ~ please go to <http://www.breastfeedingnetwork.org.uk/agm-and-national-study-day-2014/>

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