Joint Partnership Board Update

Recommendation:

The Board:

- note positive progress through the Joint Partnership Board.

1. BACKGROUND AND INTRODUCTION:

1.1 The Board agreed at its August meeting to establish, in shadow form the Joint Partnership Board with Glasgow City Council. This paper provides an update on progress with that arrangement and the outcome of the first meeting.

2. PROGRESS

2.1 The shadow Joint Partnership Board (JPB) met for the first time on 29th September 2009. The JPB brings together the CHCP Chairs (who are elected members of Glasgow City Council) and vice-Chairs (who are non-Executive members of the NHS Board). The Convenor is the Executive Member for Social Care Services and the vice-Convener is the NHS Board’s vice-Chair.

2.2 The JPB will oversee the next stage of development of CHCP and has responsibility for a number of decisions and processes including to:

- exercise an overview of all of the resources deployed into CHCPs;
- consider budget and service plans prepared by the CHCP Directors for submission into the Council budget processes;
- consider the NHS framework for resource allocation and savings and its application to CHCPs and make submissions in that regard to the NHS Board;
- approve the joint, single, planning and priorities guidance and performance framework which will apply to CHCPs and be derived from the NHS and Council corporate planning requirements;
- ensure through the development of the planning and priorities guidance that frameworks are established which ensure there is citywide consistency where that is appropriate;
- consider how NHS and GCC policy will apply to CHCPs ensuring consistency and a fully joint approach.
2.3 CHCP Directors and the GCC and NHS Advising Directors will always be in attendance at the Board. Other professional advisers from GCC or the NHS may be involved for specific agenda items.

2.4 The JPB is supported by a jointly chaired Executive Group which brings together the five CHCP Directors with the key service and corporate Directors of the Council and NHS Board. That group will:

- endeavour to resolve any areas of difficulty or dispute in relation to the CHCPs, referring unresolved issues to the JPB;
- ensure that the two parent bodies deal with the CHCPs in a consistent way and in line with the Scheme of Establishment;
- manage the process to support the JPB;
- manage the processes to develop a single set of planning guidance for CHCPs and the development of a single performance framework for approval by the JPB;
- ensure that planning and policy development arrangements are fully joint and provide integrated direction to CHCPs.

2.5 The issues considered at the first meeting of the JPB and the decisions reached are summarised below:

- A revised draft Scheme of Establishment (SOE) was proposed. The SOE for each CHCP sets out the responsibilities, structures, financial and governance arrangements for the Partnerships. The revised SOE reflects the new arrangements agreed between the Council and the NHS particularly the devolved approach. The JPB agreed to consider a final version of the SOE at the October meeting enabling an agreed final version to be approved by the NHS Board in November 2009. The areas for outstanding work are confirming the budgets to be devolved; describing the leadership of planning within the agreement to a single planning and performance structure; and confirming the single line of accountability for CHCP Directors.

- On financial issues for 2009/10, the NHS and Council pressures and challenges in 2009/10 were noted and the JPB approved the CHCP Directors proposals to develop a change programme which will ensure that:
  - budgets and service responsibilities are aligned within the CHCPs;
  - financial reporting and management accounting support reflect the requirements of the devolved CHCP model;
  - the whole Social Work budget is scrutinised with an emphasis on savings from non front line functions;

- On financial issues for 2010/11, work to date on NHS and Council financial plans was noted and a more detailed discussion will take place at the next meeting.

- On moving to devolved budgets, it was confirmed that CHCPs will hold, on a devolved basis, by April 2010, the totality of the budgets for the services and care groups for which they are responsible and that the headline level of devolution will be confirmed at the October JPB meeting to enable the revised SOE to be agreed.
- A paper from CHCP Directors set out a work programme to finalise the **devolution of commissioning budgets and functions**. The Directors were asked to take forward the work programme.

- On the **future of Partnerships** the JPB noted work in progress with the Homelessness and Mental Health Partnerships and agreed to take final proposals for the future arrangements for the Addictions and Learning Disability Partnerships at the October meeting.

3. **CONCLUSIONS**

3.1 The Joint Partnership Board has already made positive progress at its first meeting and the work required to deliver a final draft Scheme of establishment for approval in early December should be achieved.

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