Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board

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Director of Corporate Planning and Policy/Lead NHS Director Glasgow City CHCPs

INTEGRATION OF COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SOCIAL WORK SERVICES IN WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE

Recommendation:

The Board is asked to:

- note this report.

1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE

1.1 To bring NHS Board members up to date with the interim actions to establish the integrated health and care Partnership in West Dunbartonshire and to agree the membership and remit of the Shadow Board.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 On 24th February 2010, West Dunbartonshire Council considered and approved a proposal to integrate the NHS Health Services presently run by West Dunbartonshire CHP and the Council’s Social Work Services.

2.2 The Board Chairman and Chief Executive attended the Council meeting and have subsequently reported back to the Board which confirmed support to establish this new Partnership.

3. CURRENT POSITION

3.1 During the period through to 1st October 2010 and the formal creation of the new Partnership, it is proposed that a Shadow Body would operate.

3.2 In the shadow period, governance structures of West Dunbartonshire CHP Committee and the Council’s Social Work and Health Improvement and Education and Lifelong Learning Committees would continue to function. All issues presently remitted to those committees would remain as their responsibility until 1st October 2010 but we will establish a joint meeting in a form which would mirror the CHCP Committee.

3.3 From 1st October 2010 health and social work matters within the remit of these committees would be dealt with by a new Council sub-Committee and a new NHS Board sub-Committee.
While in legal terms these would remain as two separate committees, they would have the same members, same powers and same standing orders. They would meet at the same time and in practice would operate as one committee.

The new committee would be known as the West Dunbartonshire Community Health and Care Partnership Committee.

The role of the shadow arrangement is to pave the way for commencement of the Community Health Care and Partnership on 1st October 2010. It would not have powers to make decisions but would make recommendations back to the Council and NHS Board on issues relating to the proposed new Partnership.

The proposed remit of the Shadow Committee is:

- to make recommendations to the Council and the NHS Board to take forward the creation of a joint Community Health and Care Partnership. This would include making recommendations on the proposed Scheme of Establishment, Standing Orders and any other appropriate governance issue as required;
- to reach a clear joint statement on objectives for integration, particularly in relation to service delivery objectives;
- discussions on financial and budgeting arrangements;
- to develop an Equalities Impact Assessment;
- to consider the role of joint commissioning;
- reporting of consultation with staff and stakeholders.

It is proposed that the membership of the Shadow Body should be the same as that of the new CHCP Committee that is to be established on 1st October 2010.

There will be equal membership of Council and NHS representation on the new CHCP Committee comprising six Councillors and six persons nominated by NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde and it is proposed that this will also be the case for the Shadow Body.

While it is intended that the same twelve members will become the members of the new CHCP Committee, it should be noted that this will require the consent of Scottish Ministers to the proposed new Scheme of Establishment.

While the Scheme of Establishment, which is under development, will finally identify the six NHS members who will sit on the new Committee, in accordance with previous practice in East Renfrewshire and Inverclyde CHCPs, it is proposed that the NHS Board be represented on the shadow arrangement as follows and that this would form the basis for the permanent membership of the new Partnership Committee from 1st October 2010:

- two Non Executive Directors - Ms Rani Dhir MBE and Dr Catherine Benton;
- the Chair of current CHP Professional Executive Group;
- one Member of existing Public Partnership Forum;
- the Partnership Co-Chair of the Local Partnership Forum;
- the CHCP Director (once appointed).

It is currently anticipated that the shadow meeting will occur for the first time on 11th August 2010.
3.9 Chair

The CHCP Committee will be chaired by the Council Spokesperson for Social Work and Health, the vice Chair will be a Board Non Executive. The shadow arrangement will be co-chaired by the existing CHP Chair and the Council's spokesperson.

3.10 Scheme of Establishment

As indicated above, the Scheme of Establishment for the new Partnership is currently under development.

The intention is for the Scheme of Establishment to be formally presented for approval to West Dunbartonshire Council at its meeting on 25th August 2010 and to the NHS Board at its 17th August 2010 meeting in order to achieve the implementation date of 1st October 2010 for the new Partnership.

The Shadow Committee will also consider the draft Scheme when it meets on 11th August 2010 and will be able to make a recommendation to both the Council and the Board.

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