Summary of project and achievements

Health economics lies at the interface of economics and medicine. It applies concepts from economic theory to healthcare issues. At its most basic, economics is the study of scarcity and choice and these concepts have obvious relevance to the NHS; we have a huge array of options on which to spend our health care resources but available resources are not sufficient to meet all the competing demands. This necessitates tough choices over how we allocate NHS resources. The following are examples of some projects the health economists at Greater Glasgow NHS Board have been involved in or are currently undertaking with the aim of achieving an efficient allocation of resources.

Economic implications of non-health service interventions

Hospice at home: a local service development evaluation

Outpatient & Home Parenteral Antibiotic Therapy Service: a local service development evaluation

New medicines

Hepatitis B vaccination of S1 school children

Arrest referral scheme