Introduction

This issue details a Scottish Government press release on a GP pilot in Inverclyde.

Collaboration will examine new ways of structuring primary care

A major project to test new ways of structuring primary care services has been launched in Inverclyde.

The pilot will look at how the role of the GP can be refocused, reducing the time they spend on tasks that could more appropriately be done by other health professionals and examining how these staff can support patients in the community.

The project involves at least 15 GP practices serving nearly 80,000 people and will see professionals working together in clusters, improving resource and staff planning and enhancing links to other health services.

The pilot scheme is jointly led by the Scottish Government, NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde, the BMA’s Scottish General Practitioners Committee and Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership. It is funded through the Scottish Government’s Primary Care Transformation fund.

The results of the test project will inform the new Scottish GP contract due to be implemented in 2017.

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