Introduction

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Health Board met yesterday, Thursday 15 June 2017. All the Board papers are available on our website

Board approves changes to north east Glasgow rehab services

The Board has unanimously approved proposals for the modernisation of rehabilitation services in the north east of Glasgow.

The decision follows an extensive programme of engagement and a formal three month consultation on the proposed service changes.

The Board heard that the proposals would result in better outcomes for patients and have the full support of specialists in care of older people, including medics, nurses and AHPs as well as local GPs and the Board’s clinical advisory committees.

As a sign of the Board’s commitment to the area, the meeting also saw members welcome and give their support to the development of a new health and social care hub for the east end of Glasgow. A project board will now be set up to oversee the development of the new health and care hub, which will bring an investment of approximately £40 million for new health and social care facilities to the area.

Speaking after the meeting, Jane Grant, chief executive said, “I welcome these two significant decisions which signal real progress in improving health and social care services for the people of the east end of Glasgow.

“While Lightburn Hospital and its staff are valued by patients, the service model no longer fits with modern healthcare.”

The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport will now be asked to consider the Board’s decision on the service changes. Click here to read the full press release.

Local Delivery Plan 2017/18

The draft Local Delivery Plan 2017/18 for NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde was approved by the Board.

The plan sets out the organisation’s plans and priorities for the year, describes the financial challenge and work underway to achieve a break even position by the end of the year and describes the programmes of work underway to address the challenges we face in meeting our scheduled and
unscheduled care targets.

The plan is founded on working in partnerships with the IJBs to reduce demand for acute care and ensure that patients who no longer require acute care are discharged home or into community services. The plan will now be submitted to the Scottish Government.

Financial plan
The Board discussed the current financial position, as set out in both the draft Local Delivery Plan and a separate five-year financial forecast report.

The challenge for this year is a total gap of £122 million, which includes a recurring deficit of £29.6 million carried forward from last year.

Financial planning for the year began midway through 2016/17 and, by January 2017, savings schemes had been identified to reduce the gap to £50 million. Following a further drive to identify higher levels of savings and further potential sources of income, the gap for the year is currently just under £20 million.

Whilst NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde is in a better place than this time last year, the position remains very challenging. The Board is currently unable to predict a break-even position for 2017/18 and we continue to identify further savings schemes.

Capital plan
The Capital Plan for the year was approved for more than £83 million of capital investment in our estate and equipment.

As well as a number of board wide schemes, specific funding has been allocated to refurbishment and redevelopment schemes at Gartnavel, Glasgow Dental Hospital, GRI, Inverclyde, the QUEH and Stobhill.

Provision too has been made this year for Inverclyde Care Home, Gorbals Health Centre and Woodside Health Centre.

A further £7 million remains to be allocated.