

Greater Glasgow NHS Board

Board Meeting

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Director of Planning & Community Care

REVIEW OF PURCHASED ADDICTION SERVICES

Recommendations:

The Board:- note the initial findings of the Review of Purchased Addiction Services
approve early discussions with service providers on the initial findings of the review.

A BACKGROUND

Glasgow City Council established a review of purchased addiction services in November 2001. The review process was established on a joint basis covering services purchased by the NHS in addition to the Local Authority. The review was directed by an inter agency steering group and attachment one is its initial report.

The inter agency steering group included Primary Care Trust input as well as significant involvement of the GGNHSB addiction planning team.

B PURPOSE

The review was established as one of the final elements of a comprehensive joint consideration of all drug and alcohol services, including:

- the review of the methadone service
- the development work of the community addiction team
- the development of the Greater Glasgow Alcohol Strategy

Current work to finalise the highly specialist inpatient and day care element of NHS addiction services should be completed by this summer.

The key objectives of the review were to:-

- construct and implement a purchasing strategy informed by needs indicators, effective research and a financial framework
- produce quantitative and qualitative information on current services

The attached report sets out in more detail the review process (Section 3) the analysis of need (Section 4) and which services should be commissioned to address these needs. Section 5 of the committee report describes the conclusions of the review of what services and interventions are effective. An important element of the review process was to survey current arrangements and issues for assessment and referral. The conclusions of this work are described in Section 6. Similarly opinions of those who use services are outlined in Section 7.

EMBARGOED UNTIL DATE OF MEETING

Section 8 summarises service use with more financial detail provided in Section 10 and in more detail in Appendix 1.

The likely consequences of the review on the pattern of services are highlighted in Section 9. This section also outlines further work in progress to arrive at final service proposals.

C CONCLUSION

This covering report, and the more detailed material in the attached report, describes progress so far on this important joint review and the process to begin a dialogue with service providers to inform definitive conclusions.

A full and final report will be produced following this further work including detailed proposals for reconfiguration, development and discontinuation of current services to arrive at a pattern of provision which is effective and more closely matched to need.