

Greater Glasgow NHS Board

Board Meeting

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Director of Planning and Community Care

SITING OF NEW CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL - PROPOSED CONSULTATION PROCESS

Recommendation:

The Board is asked to:

- note the proposed consultation process for the new children's hospital presently under discussion with the Scottish Health Council.

A. BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

- 1.1 We anticipate the Minister will shortly have a recommendation on the siting of the new Children's Hospital. This paper sets out our proposals to consult on the siting of the new hospital and related closure of the Royal Hospital for Sick Children (RHSC).
- 1.2 It is important to emphasise that we see this consultation as the beginning of an extensive process to involve, patients, parents and voluntary organisations in the design and development of the new facility.
- 1.3 The process and content of this consultation are complex in drawing together a number of strands of prior process and engagement, including the:
 - preconsultation and development work for the Maternity Services Strategy in 2003;
 - formal public consultation on that strategy in late 2003 and early 2004;
 - work of the Calder Ministerial Group between September 2005 and January 2006;
 - option appraisal process on potential children's hospital sites run by NHS Greater Glasgow in October 2005.

B. SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE HEALTH DEPARTMENT REQUIREMENTS

- 2.1 We have based this proposed process on the requirements of the Scottish Executive Health Department March 2004 guidance "Informing, Engaging and Consulting the Public in Developing Health and Community Care Policies and Services".
- 2.2 Our intention is that the core of our approach is to produce a comprehensive and accessible consultation paper which covers all of the work to date. We believe that, and the process

outlined in the later section of this paper, will meet the key points of the guidance. In relation to this proposal these are:

- **Informing and engaging a wide range of potentially affected people and organisations from the outset of a process of change.**

We can describe how this has been achieved through the public engagement which began in 2003 on the Maternity Strategy, the conduct of the Calder Group and the option appraisal events.

- **Four key stages of involvement:**

- I - Informing on the initial plans**
- II - Engaging proactively in developing options for change**
- III - Consulting on feasible options**
- IV - Feedback and explanation of the outcome**

In considering the Stage I requirement it is important to refer back to the massive pre-consultation and consultation on the Maternity Strategy from which process emerged the consensus that triple collocation of maternity, children's and adult acute services represented the "gold standard". It is that consensus which is the basis for our present proposals and the Minister's financial support for a new children's hospital. Stages II and III are clearly met by our option appraisal process and the Calder Group role. Our aim is to meet the Stage III requirement by this final loop of consultation. Stage IV will be met by our proposals to deal with the outcome of the consultation.

- **NHS Boards are required to submit proposals on major change and closure for Ministerial approval demonstrating a planned approach to public involvement and communication working alongside the Scottish Health Council.**

Our engagement with the Scottish Health Council in developing this proposal should meet this requirement.

C. PROPOSED PROCESS

- 3.1 We propose the process summarised below, this is primarily based on written material, distributed to a wide range of key stakeholders and a major public workshop.
- 3.2 The written material would fully describe the proposed new children's hospital facilities and their consequent impact on the Yorkhill campus, and briefly set out the related, and already consulted, maternity service plans.
- 3.3 The paper would also describe:
 - the full range of engagement activity in relation to the maternity strategy and the process so far in relation to the children's hospital;
 - the clinical benefits of our proposals;
 - what is proposed in terms of facilities and investment including schematics and illustrations;
 - the case for the preferred site;

- the proposed process of ongoing engagement in the detailed planning process;
 - the implications for staff;
 - a short analysis of access issues.
- 3.4 The paper will propose a consultation process with wide distribution of our proposals inviting response in three terms:
- the proposed facilities;
 - their location at the Southern General;
 - the further detailed planning process.
- 3.5 That paper will be widely distributed across the West of Scotland and in an agreed national way and provide a basis for accessible public material to be generated.
- 3.6 We would run a major, well publicised, open workshop to enable direct engagement in discussion on the themes above and in the design of the ongoing planning and engagement process. All stakeholders would be invited to participate in this consultation workshop which would also provide a platform for continuing involvement.
- 3.7 We propose a consultation period of eight weeks - enabling a report to be lodged with the Minister as soon as possible in order that the detailed planning of the Hospital can begin, without further delay.

D. CONCLUSION

- 4.1 The process outlined above should meet the requirements of the SEHD and the Scottish Health Council as well as providing a start point for extensive further engagement as the Children's hospital is developed.

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