

Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board

Board Meeting

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UPDATE ON PROGRESS TO CONSULT ON OLDER PEOPLE'S CARE AT JOHNSTONE HOSPITAL

Recommendation:

The Board:

- **note the progress towards formal public consultation on the proposed changes to NHS frail elderly continuing care services in Renfrewshire.**

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this paper is to:

- update on progress made in developing the formal public consultation material regarding changes to the provision of the NHS frail elderly continuing care service in Renfrewshire;
- update on the proposed timetable for consultation.

2. BACKGROUND

At the Board meeting on 18th December 2007 it was agreed that a series of next steps would be taken to enable NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde to move to formal public consultation on the proposed closure of Johnstone Hospital, and the re-provision of the NHS frail elderly continuing care service.

The steps reflect the agreed objectives of the NHS Board in responding to the Independent Scrutiny Panel Report, as it related to the proposed changes to the balance of older peoples care.

These objectives are that:

- the consultation process must enable participants to express their views on our appraisal of the shortcomings of the status quo;

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- the consultation material will therefore:
 - describe the partnership model;
 - describe the relationship between health and social services for physically frail and mentally frail elderly;
 - ensure the rationale for our preferred option is clear and the issues regarding an RAH new build option are transparent for comment.

In addition, the overall financial framework for older people's services in Renfrewshire will be included within the consultation material.

Work is now in hand to develop the consultation paper. This will be derived from the original NHS Board paper considered at the Board meeting on 26th June 2007 (Paper 2007/26, Annex 4).

This paper and the related processes will address the points outlined above

An additional point from the Board paper of 18th December 2007 is that our plans for change are made clear to patients, staff, relatives and carers in advance of public consultation. A meeting is now planned for relatives and carers in late January and a meeting for staff on 1st February 2008.

Work is also underway, in tandem with the NHS Board Communications Team, to ensure that we have a comprehensive list of consultees who will receive the consultation material. This will include the updated consultation paper and a supporting summary information leaflet targeted at service users and the wider public.

Lastly, we have also identified the dates when consultation will start and conclude (see table below), and a date when a public consultation event will take place. This is scheduled for 13th March 2008 and will provide an opportunity for a range of users, carers and others to meet with service managers and clinicians to discuss the proposals for change. Details of the event will be widely circulated. The need for any further such events will be monitored based on feedback following this event in March.

The key elements therefore of the timetable are as follows:

Late January 2008 (date being confirmed)	:	Meeting for relatives/carers of residents
1 st February 2008	:	Meeting for staff at Johnstone Hospital
4 th February 2008	:	Commence consultation
13 th March 2008	:	Public consultation event - details to be circulated.
28 th April 2008	:	End consultation (12 weeks)

3. CONCLUSIONS

Formal public consultation will run for a total of 12 weeks and within the associated material will address the issues agreed at December 2007 NHS Board meeting.

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