

Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board

Board Meeting

Tuesday 24th February 2009

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Director of Corporate Planning and Policy/Lead NHS Director Glasgow City CHCPs

GLASGOW CITY CHCPs: REPORT ON JOINT DEVELOPMENT WORK

Recommendation:

The Board:

- **note progress in the joint development work with Glasgow City Council and arrangements for the outcome of that work to be reported to a Special Board meeting on Tuesday 3rd March 2009 at 10.30 am.**

1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE

1.1 The October Board considered a number of issues with the state of development of the CHCPs. These included the limited levels of delegation and resource devolution, stalled progress in integrating NHS and social work services, and potential issues with the governance arrangements. Board paper 2008/46 set out three main objectives:

- push forward the development of CHCPs to put in place, without further delay, the organisational model we agreed in the Scheme of Establishment. We need to have made significant progress by the start of the next financial year to retain the credibility and assure the future of the CHCP construct;
- develop with the City Council the initial thinking on the next phase of development for CHCPs and give fresh momentum to the wider reform agenda we had been developing;
- ensure that we agree and implement governance arrangements which give us confidence the situation which has occurred in the West CHCP cannot happen again. This is particularly important for the Board as an employer to be certain it can meet its responsibilities to staff in joint posts.

1.2 The Board agreed to seek to pursue the resolution of these issues through work with the City Council. The December Board heard of the agreement between the Board Chair and the Council Leader to create a joint programme of work to enable movement to full levels of devolution, delegation and service integration by the end of the financial year, in line with the agreed Scheme of Establishment. The agreement was that this work would be fully concluded by the end of January.

EMBARGOED UNTIL DATE OF MEETING

- 1.3 The Council and Board Chief Executives have been working together to develop and bring forward proposals to achieve the outcome outlined above. Our expectation was that, with the very clear direction set by the Leader of the Council, we would be able to make substantial progress on these issues.
- 1.4 The purpose of this report is to:
- provide Board members with a report on progress;
 - advise Board members of the formal process to conclude this programme of work.

2. CURRENT POSITION

- 2.1 Progress has been made with the City Council in a number of areas which were of concern to them. However a number of issues raised by the NHS, remain unresolved, particularly in relation to the financial arrangements and delegation of decision making which are fundamental to the agreed Scheme of Establishment for the CHCPs.
- 2.2 The Council Leader met the Board Chair on 13th February and again restated his personal commitment to ensuring that the full range of issues were addressed.
- 2.3 The Board's Chief Executive is continuing to make every effort to work with the Council to resolve the outstanding points of concern.
- 2.4 It is proposed that a final outcome report is brought to a special Board meeting at the beginning of March, at which point we will be able to confirm that all matters have been positively concluded or bring forward proposals to enable the Board to consider whether the CHCP Scheme of Establishment should be revised if fully positive conclusions have not been reached.

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