

Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board

Board Meeting

Tuesday 25th June 2013

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Chief Executive

BOUNDARY CHANGES

Recommendation:

The Board is asked to:

- **note the proposed boundary changes and the proposed related processes.**

1. BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

- 1.1 NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde is not fully coterminous with Local Authorities. The areas of Rutherglen, Cambuslang and parts of Moodiesburn are within our boundaries but also within the boundaries of North and South Lanarkshire Councils, the large majority of whose populations are within the Lanarkshire NHS Board area. A map is attached showing the populations described - the numbers being 19,865 in North Lanarkshire and 58,487 in South Lanarkshire (Source: Small Area Population Estimate (2011) GROS).
- 1.2 These changes will ensure that the new Health and Social Care Partnerships can be established with full responsibilities for populations coterminous with each Local Authority, which would not otherwise have been possible.
- 1.3 A number of years ago the Board agreed with Lanarkshire NHS Board that the resources and staff associated with the community health services would transfer to the respective North and South Lanarkshire CHPs who would be responsible to delivering those services to these communities. Primary care contractors covering these populations were not affected by these changes and their contracts are held by NMSGGC.
- 1.4 NMSGGC has continued to receive the allocation related to all of the services for the population directly from the Scottish Government and the primary flow for acute services is into Glasgow hospitals.
- 1.5 The Government has announced an intention to revise Health Board boundaries to create consistent coterminosity between NHS Boards and Local Authorities from April 2014. This paper briefly outlines the implications of this change and the proposed process to manage it.

2. IMPLICATIONS

- 2.1 These proposed changes will fully shift responsibility for these populations from NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde to NHS Lanarkshire and with that responsibility the full resources to fund the services they access. Detailed financial and activity review is required to assess the implications for this Board. The commitment is to ensure there is no

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disruption to patient services and flows. Implications for community services and staff are more limited as these have already been transferred to NHS Lanarkshire although there are a number of small services delivered into Rutherglen and Cambuslang by our staff based elsewhere which will need to be reviewed. There may also be potential implications for capital assets and for the delivery of support services.

3. PROPOSED PROCESS

- 3.1 We have had initial discussions with Lanarkshire NHS Board and have agreed to establish a joint planning group to assess and manage the impact of these changes ensuring there is no disruption to patient services and that there is effective communication with local stakeholders. Initial communication has been issued to local primary care contractors.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1 The Board is asked to note these changes, the potential implications and the proposed process.

Publication The content of this Paper may be published following the meeting

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