

A PICTURE OF HEALTH

SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE NOTE ON PALLIATIVE CARE

1. The proposals to enhance palliative care services in Lanarkshire, set out in full in Section 6.6, pages 40-41 of “A Picture of Health” principal document, have been reviewed in light of further discussions with the Kilbryde Hospice Appeal and the current main provider, St. Andrews Hospice, Airdrie. These discussions have recognised the need to strengthen and enhance the range of homecare and daycare services available to people who prefer and are able to die at home rather than in a hospital or hospice setting, and also to be clearer about future intentions in relation to specialist palliative care and other associated beds. The issue of beds also drew significant response from the public consultation.
2. It is therefore recommended that the Board :
 - reaffirms its commitment to the expansion of palliative care services in the community, with investment over a three year period beginning in 2006/07;
 - approves the commissioning of an additional 10-12 beds from 2009/10 onwards, some of which may include generic / respite beds;
 - approves the establishment of an implementation network, involving NHS Lanarkshire, Kilbryde Hospice Appeal and St. Andrews Hospice, which will determine the balance and location of the additional beds; and
 - receives a further report clarifying the strategy in relation to beds, in October 2006.

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