

**A PICTURE OF HEALTH**

**SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE NOTE ON  
CONTINUING CARE FOR OLDER PEOPLE**

1. The need to improve and modernise services for older people is a theme that runs through “A Picture of Health”, and which, specifically in relation to intermediate and continuing care in patient provision, is referred to on pages 33 and 34 (paragraphs 6.2.20 – 6.2.22).
2. Concerns have been raised during consultation about the proposal to re-provide inpatient services for older people either through direct provision by NHS Lanarkshire or through partnership with the independent care home sector. This proposal was originally developed in recognition of :
  - the need for significant capital investment to modernise hospital premises to provide a better environment for older people requiring intermediate or continuing care.
  - a mix of inpatient provision, which is currently largely NHS directly provided, with some NHS provision commissioned through independent care homes.
  - a wide range of different costs and staffing models in different units providing similar types of service.
3. In developing detailed proposals for the modernisation of inpatient services for the intermediate and continuing care of older people, the Board need to be able to demonstrate appropriate quality of care, both clinically and environmentally, value for money in relation to all current market options consistent with Government policy, and an appropriate geographical distribution of services.
4. Work has already begun in a number of areas to improve services for older people, including changes to acute assessment and rehabilitation, as signalled in “A Picture of Health”.
5. It is recommended, in order to finalise proposals in the light of concerns raised during “A Picture of Health” consultation, that :
  - work reconvenes to finalise the Board’s strategic plan and associated financial framework in relation to inpatient / residential accommodation for older people, in partnership with the Area Partnership Forum and with North Lanarkshire and South Lanarkshire Councils; and
  - the design and delivery of services take account of those criteria used for other hospital services, principally quality of care, costs and access.

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