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## NHSL Carers Information Strategy

*The Board is asked to approve the draft strategy for formal consultation and to note the recommendations, including those with financial consequences*

1. The Scottish Executive's circular HDL (2006)22 requires Boards to submit a NHS Carers Information Strategy in collaboration with partners including local authorities, carer organisations and carers by the end of October.
2. The draft strategy has been written with the partners around the North and South Lanarkshire Carers Strategy Groups, and with input from appropriate NHSL colleagues. The two Carers Strategy Groups agreed that a draft should be written to reflect HDL (2006) 22 and issued for formal consultation from November 2006 to January 2007, and that it should be seen in the context of broader carer strategies already agreed in North and South Lanarkshire through the two Carers Strategy Groups. There has been pre-consultation engagement with the Carers Strategy Groups over the last few months.
3. The Board is asked to approve the strategy for consultation which will, amongst other things, facilitate formal sign up from the chairs of North Lanarkshire Carers Together and South Lanarkshire Carers Network, and the Chief Executives of North Lanarkshire Council and South Lanarkshire Council.
4. A report on the feedback from consultation will be put to the Board in February, along with proposals for implementation.