

## **DELAYED DISCHARGES - POSITION AT 15 OCTOBER 2006**

### **1. Introduction**

The purpose of the paper is to identify the number of delayed discharges in Lanarkshire at 15 October 2006 and to set that against the delayed discharge targets set by the Scottish Executive to be achieved by 15 April 2007. Detailed statistics are shown in Appendix 1.

### **2. Position at 15 October 2006**

There were 74 delayed discharges in Lanarkshire at 15 October 2006, representing an increase of nine from last month.

Seven of these patients were in short stay specialties as defined by the Scottish Executive, a fall from 13 last month and below the April 2007 target of nine patients.

Thirty four patients had been in hospital more than six weeks, an increase from 22 patients last month. The April 2007 target is 10 patients. The trend over recent months has been on average around twenty patients who exceed the six week period. In the majority of instances those patients are awaiting funding for nursing home placement. Continuation of that trend will result in an inability to deliver the target of ten patients in that category by 15 April 2007. It is intended to address this as part of a wider review of current initiatives funded through the delayed discharge budget in the context of best practice and value for money.

### **3. Planned Review**

The planned review will look at each initiative funded through delayed discharge to capture details of the services provided, the resources available and the pathway followed by the patient/client in accessing and receiving services. In addition, the opportunity will be taken to identify and assess patient and other information available to evidence impact and outcome. The scope of the proposed review is in preparation and will shortly be agreed by the Central Monitoring Group. The intention is that the

first phase of the review will be completed within three months with a report to the Central Monitoring Group early in 2007. The outcome will also be shared with the Lanarkshire Partnership through existing mechanisms. It is anticipated that the review will inform future service direction and resource allocation.

#### **4. Delayed Discharge Performance**

The management of delayed discharge in Lanarkshire has been widely recognized as a model of good practice reflected in national performance publications. The national report from Information Services Division (ISD), shown in Appendix 2, reaffirms that position with data through to September 2006.

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