

**DELAYED DISCHARGE – POSITION AT 15 APRIL 2007**

**1. Introduction**

The purpose of the paper is to indicate the delayed discharge position at 15 April 2007 and to set that against the delayed discharge target that has to be achieved by the date of the annual census that is 15 April 2007.

**2. Current Delayed Discharge Position**

Performance on delayed discharges is measured on the basis of numbers of delayed discharges in short stay beds and those waiting over six weeks. On the annual census date, there are seven patients in short stay beds (against a target of ten) with five over six weeks (similarly against a target of ten). There are a further thirty-five patients (of which seven are in short stay beds) who are in the health system but are currently under six weeks. Those patients are undergoing their community care assessment. Details are provided in the attachment. The Lanarkshire Partnership has therefore delivered the national delayed discharge target at 15 April 2007.

**3. Multi Agency Review of Delayed Discharges**

The multi agency review of delayed discharges, initiated by the Lanarkshire Partnership, is complete and the review findings are currently being finalised. This followed a multi agency event with staff from each agency involved directly in service delivery. The draft report will be considered by the Central Monitoring Group at its meeting in April following which, if supported, it will be presented to the NHS Board and North and South Lanarkshire Health and Care Partnerships in May 2007.

**4. Future Delayed Discharge Targets**

The target for delayed discharges in 2007/08 is that there should be no delayed discharges in short-stay beds and no delayed discharges over six weeks by 15 April 2008. The Lanarkshire Partnership is seeking a meeting with the Scottish Executive to discuss the targets proposed for 2007/08. This will follow the Scottish Parliament Elections in May 2007.

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