

**ADULTS WITH COMPLEX NEEDS/LOW SECURE UNIT  
COATHILL, COATBRIDGE & CAIRD HOUSE, HAMILTON**

Purpose

The purpose of the paper is to present the Board with the Outline Business Cases for developments for adults with complex care needs in both North and South Lanarkshire, including the provision of a low secure unit in South Lanarkshire.

Introduction

The Board will remember that a position paper was tabled at the Board meeting of June 2007 indicating that further work had to be undertaken in respect of the Outline Business Cases. These Business Cases have now been completed and a copy of the two documents is presented.

As set out in 'A Picture of Health' 2005, NHS Lanarkshire mental health services are modernising to enable delivery of services fit for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. National legislation and direction has been to move from institutional care to more care provided within the community. This has resulted in a gradual reduction in beds in a number of hospital sites notably Hartwoodhill, Clelend and Roadmeetings. With the proposed closure of Hartwoodhill and Airbles Road the opportunity has arisen to review the overall bed configuration and to relocate these beds within the communities in both North and South. This involves building new units at Caird House, Hamilton and Coathill Hospital, Coatbridge with a total of 55 beds. These developments will provide step down facilities to support the Acute admission units for those patients who no longer require the degree of nursing and medical care offered within an Acute in-patient setting. These facilities will offer a service which is not limited to specific diagnostic groups but is tailored to the needs of individuals who may have severe psychiatric disorders, complex social and mental health care needs, a poor network of social care supports and poor social functioning.

These developments will provide a range of facilities, including:

- treatment and care of the highest possible quality in the least restrictive environment as close to the community as possible, in line with the stated aims of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003.
- a purpose built facility designed to enable the delivery of a modern health care service which complies with current Scottish Health Executive Department (2001) guidance and service user expectations in respect of single room ensuite accommodation.

- opportunity to deliver an enhanced range of services to this complex client group.
- supporting the delivery of modern mental health care and treatment through the provision of better and more accessible services to clients within their own communities.

The outcome of the option appraisal process identified that one unit in North Lanarkshire (Coathill Hospital) and one in South Lanarkshire (Caird House) would best meet the needs of this specialist client group in terms of availability and accessibility of the sites.

The capital costs of the preferred options are:

- North Lanarkshire, Coathill Hospital - £5.199M
- South Lanarkshire, Caird House - £8.144M

#### Recommendation

The Board is asked to approve the Outline Business Cases for Coathill Hospital and Caird House.

**ROBERT BF PEAT**  
**Head of Picture of Health/CHP Delivery**