

Meeting of
Lanarkshire NHS Board
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SUBJECT: ACCIDENT & EMERGENCY SERVICES

1. PURPOSE

This paper is to inform the Board of the current position in relation to the Review of Accident & Emergency Services and to note the second submission to the Independent Scrutiny Panel

2. ENGAGEMENT WITH STAFF

During November and December a total of ten meetings were held to enable staff to express their views and to identify their concerns in relation to the scenarios for the re-configuration of Accident and Emergency Services. These meetings were held in both Acute and Primary Care locations. The numbers of staff attending the meetings was variable. However, the meetings did allow a full discussion to be undertaken and the views of staff were captured and will be available to the Board at its January meeting.

3. SECOND SUBMISSION TO THE INDEPENDENT SCRUTINY PANEL

The second submission to the Independent Scrutiny Panel was sent to them on 7th December 2007 and Board members have received a copy of the document. The submission concentrated upon the three areas highlighted by the interim report of the ISP – workforce, sub-specialisation and estates issues at Monklands Hospital. In addition the outcome of the option weighting and scoring events was also included in the submission. The Board is asked to note the contents of the submission and to note the continued way forward outlined in the submission.

4. MEETINGS WITH MSPs

The Board should note that meetings have now been held between both constituency and list MSPs to provide them with an update on the current position regarding the Accident & Emergency Review and to outline the next steps leading to the Cabinet Secretary's decision in February 2008.

5. NEXT STEPS

Discussions have taken place during December with the Scottish Government Health Department outlining progress to date and to clarify arrangements for the Board's submission at the end of January.

Board members are reminded that the final report from the Independent Scrutiny Panel will be received by the Board no later than the 10th January 2008. This will be disseminated as soon as it is received. The report will also be distributed to the Area Clinical Forum and Professional Advisory Committees and views sought on the contents of the document. Feedback from this exercise will be made available to the Board at its meeting on 30th January 2008.

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