

Meeting of  
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## **SUBJECT: BETTER HEALTH, BETTER CARE: ACTION PLAN**

### **1. PURPOSE**

This paper introduces to the NHS Board the Better Health, Better Care: Action Plan, launched on 12 December 2007 by the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing, Nicola Sturgeon, MSP.

### **2. CONTENT/SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES**

At its meeting on 31 October 2007, the NHS Board had a dialogue with Derek Feeley around the Better Health, Better Care: Consultation Document. Thereafter, a formal submission to the Consultation was lodged with the Scottish Government Health Department. The attached Action Plan, outlines the actions in the areas of: Towards a Mutual NHS; Helping people to sustain and improve their health, particularly in disadvantaged communities; and ensuring better, local and faster access to healthcare.

### **3. ACTIONS**

The NHS Board will require to set out how it will deliver the Action Plan, having regard to the 2008/2009 HEAT targets, in relation to: Health Improvement; Efficiency and Governance; Access; and Treatment. This matter will be considered, in the first instance, by the Corporate Management Team, having regard to the 2008/2009 HEAT targets and the latest Local Delivery Plan Guidance, and a further, more detailed report, will be brought to the NHS Board meeting early in 2008.

### **4. CONCLUSIONS**

The NHS Board is asked to note the Better Health, Better Care: Action Plan, and to ask the Executive to bring forward proposals for delivery within NHS Lanarkshire.

## **5. FURTHER INFORMATION**

If Members would wish any further information about the paper, please contact Mr Neil Agnew, Telephone: 01698 206312.

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