

DELAYED DISCHARGE – POSITION AT 15 FEBRUARY 2007

1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of the paper is to indicate the delayed discharge position at 15 February 2007 and to set that against the delayed discharge target that has to be achieved by 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. At present, there are twelve patients in short stay beds (against a target of ten) with fifteen over six weeks (similarly against a target of ten). There are a further forty six patients (of which eight 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.

3. CURRENT ACTIONS

There are two specific actions being taken forward. One relates to a multi agency review of all patients who are currently described as delayed discharge to assess their current status and to identify reasons for delay with a view to resolution. The individual patient review has been completed for patients in both North and South Lanarkshire and has prompted further work around funding options and more appropriate placement of selected patients. This work will continue, in the first instance, through to mid April 2007 to ensure delivery of the delayed discharge target.

The further action relates to a multi agency review of delayed discharges across Lanarkshire. It has focused on the use to which the annual financial allocation of around three million pounds has been put, the impact that has had in terms of outcomes and the extent to which it demonstrates value for money. A core group is taking this forward and good progress is being made. The timescale for completion of the review and reporting of findings is the end of March 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 will be seeking a meeting with the Scottish Executive post the forthcoming Scottish Parliament Elections to discuss the targets for 2007/08.

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