

DELAYED DISCHARGE – POSITION AT 15 MARCH 2007

1. Introduction

The purpose of the paper is to indicate the delayed discharge position at 15 March 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 seven patients in short stay beds (against a target of ten) with eight over six weeks (similarly against a target of ten). There are a further thirty-nine 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 opportunity has been taken to project forward to 15 April 2007 and, following analysis of all patients currently in the system, the expectation is that the Lanarkshire Partnership will deliver the 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 continuing with a half-day event held recently to reflect on the outcome of meetings and interviews with managers and staff involved directly in service delivery. The intention remains to complete the review by the end of March 2007 with a report presented to the NHS Board and North and South Lanarkshire Health and Care Partnerships in April/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.

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