

DELAYED DISCHARGE – POSITION AT 15 MAY 2007

1 Introduction

The purpose of the paper is to indicate the delayed discharge position at 15 May 2007 and to put that in the context of the target set for delayed discharges to be achieved by 15 April 2008.

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. There are twelve patients in short stay beds (against a target of nil) with two over six weeks (similarly against a target of nil). There are a further fifty-five patients (of which ten 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 Multi Agency Review of Delayed Discharges

The multi agency review of delayed discharges, initiated by the Lanarkshire Partnership, is complete and the review findings are currently being finalised. This followed a multi agency event with staff from each agency involved directly in service delivery. The draft report will be considered by the Central Monitoring Group at its meeting in May following which, if supported, it will be presented to the NHS Board and North and South Lanarkshire Councils in June 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 Scottish Executive is convening a national meeting in June 2007 to discuss the targets proposed for 2007/08.

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