

# **Presentation on the Lanarkshire Data Sharing Partnership and Child Protection Messaging to the Lanarkshire NHS Board on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2007**

## **1. Background**

In early 2006 there was a review at the Scottish Executive in regard to several central initiatives which had been aimed at data / information sharing between public sector bodies. These were the Modernising Government Funding 1 & 2 workstreams and the eCare Programme Board. The review resulted in the creation at the Scottish Executive of the Data Sharing and Standards Division (DSSD). This review also spawned the creation of Data Sharing Partnerships (DSPs) across Scotland.

The DSPs receive three year funding (in total £450,000) from the DSSD if targets for information sharing using the eCare framework are achieved.

In Lanarkshire the Data Sharing Partnership came to life in April 2006 and brought together the work of the Lanarkshire Joint Working Across Care Agencies Group and the Children's eCare Project.

These projects had successfully developed a "data warehouse" known as the Lanarkshire Multi Agency Store. This was and remains critical to the implementation of electronic information sharing for Single Shared Assessment and the Child Protection Messaging

Lanarkshire has been at the forefront of electronic information sharing nationally in particular around developing, testing and operationally implementing solutions that are to be rolled out nationally.

## **2. Purpose**

The presentation has been developed to provide an update for all of the organisations that are part of the Partnership in regard to the work that has been undertaken by the Partnership since April 2006, The presentation looks to clarify issues of governance and accountability and to look forward to where the DSP sees the future of data sharing in Lanarkshire.

As such the presentation will cover;

- The Lanarkshire Partners
- The Current Governance & Accountability Structure
- The Policy Context
- The Multi Agency store
- The current state of progress on and the future development of
  - Child Protection Messaging,
  - electronic Single Shared Assessment and
  - The Information Sharing Protocol.

### **3. Conclusions and Recommendation**

The Board is asked

1.To receive the content of the presentation and the current progress being made in Lanarkshire on this agenda.

2.To note that the Lanarkshire Data Sharing Partnership is leading the way across Scotland in this area of partnership work linked to the efficient government initiatives

3. To note that the accountability and governance links for the Data Sharing Partnership will be further refined and strengthened during 2007/08

4. To seek to receive a further update on progress on the work of the Data Sharing Partnership in April 2008.

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