

Meeting of
Lanarkshire NHS Board
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SUBJECT: eHealth Progress Report

1. PURPOSE

The attached papers, are presented to the Board to provide members with an update on the progress of the previously agreed NHS Lanarkshire eHealth tactical workplan, the Capital Plan for 2007/8 and work associated with the National eHealth Programme.

2. CONTENT/SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES

The implementation of the previously agreed programme of work is progressing well. The main challenges to note relate to the continued compliance with Community Health Index (CHI) targets and the introduction of the National Radiology Information System (RIS) and Picture Archiving and Communication Systems (PACS). A targeted local programme is in place to address CHI through engagement with relevant clinical groups in adopting good practice. In addition, the impediment to producing Patient Labels containing the CHI Number in Accident and Emergency Departments is being pursued nationally.

With regard to RIS/PACS, technical issues with the national RIS System that require resolution by the Supplier have caused slippage to the implementation programme in NHS Lanarkshire. A recovery plan is in preparation and its local impact will be assessed during early November. In addition, negotiations to facilitate an exit from our existing PACS Contract with Summit Healthcare related to the Wishaw Hospital system continue.

The Capital Plan for 2007/8 has been prepared to address mainly infrastructure developments in support of current and future needs. In addition systems to support key priorities including Cancer, Waiting Times and the stability of IT to support General Medical Practice have been addressed.

From a National Strategy perspective, a revised strategy has been proposed within 'Better Health, Better Care' by Spring 2008. Work is proceeding with the important developments in Patient Management System (PMS) for the Acute sector, and an Integrated Primary and Community Care System to support both Primary Care practitioners and community based nurses and Allied Health Professionals – NHS Lanarkshire has indicated a desire to be 'early adopters' of these developments.

3. ACTIONS

The Board is asked to note that content of the attached papers in regard to progress with local implementation and the national strategy development process.

4. CONCLUSIONS

The development of eHealth facilities in Lanarkshire continues in parallel with further development of the National eHealth Strategy. Close engagement in the strategy development process is ensuring that the workstream in Lanarkshire remains consistent with the national direction.

In terms of local priorities, these are being addressed through the recently implemented Governance arrangements that include an eHealth Executive Group and a Clinical Leadership/Delivery Group, both of which were established in response to the nationally recommended structure. The Board will continue to receive quarterly reports on progress.

5. FURTHER INFORMATION

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