

Meeting of
Lanarkshire NHS Board
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SUBJECT: CARLUKE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

1. PURPOSE

The attached Full Business Case is presented for consideration by Lanarkshire NHS Board for the development of a new Carluke Community Health Centre. It provides the Lanarkshire NHS Board with details of the service and the capital and revenue funding requirements for the development.

The preferred option identified for a provision of a new facility within Carluke Town Centre is on a site owned by South Lanarkshire Council. The Full Business Case, if approved, will be submitted to the Scottish Government Health Directorate's Capital Investment Group.

2. BACKGROUND

This development will replace the existing Carluke Health Centre which was constructed in 1974 and will be located close to Carluke Town Centre within easy reach of the local community. The Outline Business Case for the new community health centre in Carluke was approved by the Scottish Government Department's Capital Investment Group in February 2006.

3. SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES

Better Health Better Care (2007) sets out the Scottish Government's aims of creating a more successful country with opportunities for all within Scotland to flourish through increasing sustainable economic growth. One of the five strategic goals established to support the delivery of these aims is for a healthier Scotland where people are supported to sustain and improve their health, especially in disadvantaged communities ensuring better local and faster access to health care. In order to achieve this Community Health Partnerships require to strengthen partnership working with local authorities and local communities to tackle health inequalities, enhance anticipatory and preventative care, shift the balance of care and improve access to a wider range of community based services. To facilitate the delivery of these objectives NHS Lanarkshire has developed a whole system service modernisation programme which is designed to improve the patient journey and experience. The critical aspect of this is improving the capacity and capability of NHS Lanarkshire to meet the health care needs within local

communities. One significant development within the capital programme is the establishment of Carluke Community Health Centre which will include:

- Dedicated suites of consulting rooms for outreach services and integrated work with partners
- Treatment rooms
- Student and research accommodation
- Accommodation for two general medical practices
- Podiatry
- Speech and language therapy
- Dentistry both community and general dental practitioner
- Physiotherapy
- Adult mental health
- Health education
- Alcohol and drug service
- Community nursing team offices

This facility will contribute to NHS Lanarkshire and South Lanarkshire Council to improve a range of services in accordance with Long Term Condition Strategy, Oral Health Strategy, Substance Misuse, Corporate Action Plan and the Mental Health Strategy. This scheme will also enhance performance against HEAT and Community Care targets. This new facility will also facilitate GP Practices to move forward with the GP Training Programme and the facilities will also facilitate the training of all health care staff.

4. TIMETABLE AND MILESTONE

- Detail planning consent June 2007
- Target cost established 2008
- Full Business Case NHS Board approval August 2008
- Full Business Case Scottish Government Health Department approval September 2008
- Site mobilisation October 2008
- Completion date June 2010
- Service commencement July 2010

5. RISKS/ISSUES

- Delay in this capital investment project will result in inflation costs
- Delaying the project could have an adverse impact on achieving HEAT targets due to reduced capacity within the primary care setting and would restrict the capacity to achieve national and local objectives
- Delaying this project would also result adversely in shifting the balance of care and moving forward with a whole system approach to health care delivery

6. CONCLUSION

The Board is asked to:

- Consider and approve the Full Business Case
- Approve the capital investment of £13.609m
- Agree to submit the Full Business Case to the Scottish Government Health Department's Capital Investment Group for approval
- To note the financial and programme risk associated with the delay in approval.

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