

NHS LANARKSHIRE BOARD MEETING

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**Subject: North and South Lanarkshire Single Outcome Agreements
Current Position**

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the development of the Community Planning Partnership Single Outcome Agreements (SOAs) within both North and South Lanarkshire focussing specifically on the health and social care elements.

2. Background

2.1. In June 2008 both North and South Lanarkshire Councils signed off their first Single Outcome Agreements with the Scottish Government. In South Lanarkshire, this was focused on Council services but set the foundations of a more embracing partnership SOA, to be in place from Spring / Summer 2009. In North Lanarkshire, the first SOA was completed as a Community Planning Partnership SOA, reflecting the developmental stages of the two partnerships.

2.2. In response to the requirement to produce a partnership SOA for **South Lanarkshire**, a Development Officer Group (DOG) has been formed to take forward its development. A number of meetings have been held and as part of the process, each of the seven thematic groups within the South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership (SLCPP), has been asked to consider both what it feels should be included in the SOA and how ready it is to meet the challenges of the SOA context.

2.3. South Lanarkshire CHP has four representatives on the DOG and the council's planning manager for health has been nominated as a Council representative. This provides the Health and Care Partnership with very strong representation in discussions for the current SOA, and for ongoing developments beyond 2009/10.

2.4.1 In **North Lanarkshire**, as indicated above, a partnership SOA, based around the Community Plan, already exists and is currently being revised and updated by the North Lanarkshire Partnership Board (NLP) Officers Group. Similarly, the NLP Community Plan and SOA are constructed around 5 Key Themes, each of which is developed and supported by a thematic group. These groups are responsible for developing the outcomes and indicators relevant to their theme and submitting these for consideration for inclusion in the SOA.

2.4.2 North CHP are represented on the NLP Officers Group by the Head of Planning and Performance who is also a member of the Health & Wellbeing thematic group, along with the Head of Health Improvement, a Consultant in Public Health and an Alcohol and Drugs Action Team Development Officer.

3. Proposed Areas for Inclusion Around Health & Wellbeing

- 3.1 Both North and South Lanarkshire SOAs will contain a range of relevant HEAT targets, focussing on but not exclusively those badged as Health Improvement e.g. Smoking Cessation, Alcohol Brief Interventions.
- 3.2 Both SOAs will also contain one overarching outcome which will reflect the National Outcomes for Community Care and will be underpinned by the associated performance framework and it's 16 supporting measures (13 of which are potentially reportable in 2009/10). Some of these measures also reflect HEAT targets. North Lanarkshire is an Early Implementer Site for these outcomes and joint working between NHS Lanarkshire and both councils is now underway, looking at embedding an outcomes focus in care delivery.
- 3.3 It is important to note that although the focus of this report relates to the health service specific elements in terms of HEAT etc, the majority of the outcomes and indicators in the SOAs have the potential to impact on the health & wellbeing of our population and for that reason it is important that we pay attention to and influence the other outcomes and indicators within the SOA.

4. National Guidance

- 4.1. Guidance for the development of SOAs was issued by the Improvement Service and Scottish Government on 31 October. This reiterates the permissive approach being taken, but suggests a set of indicators that might be included by local CPPs. It also strongly suggests that SOAs should focus strategically on priority areas for improvement. SOAs should be seen as high level documents and focus on a limited and manageable number of priorities.
- 4.2 As indicated above, the next phase of the SOA development will need to identify the key priorities for the overall CPP for inclusion in the SOA that is submitted to the Government. Given that , it seems likely that each thematic group's submission will be edited down, these will be retained as a bridge between the high level SOA and the more detailed thematic plans, such as are contained in Community Plans, JHIP (South), Joint Community Care Plan (South), Joint Priorities for Community Care (North), ADAT action plan etc. In this respect it should be noted that the final suite of outcomes and indicators included in the SOAs will be a summary of our priorities, reflecting national requirements and local needs, and will be supported by much more detailed, underlying action plans.
- 4.3 The challenge for the Partnerships will be to ensure that the overall SOA includes sufficient reference to health and social care outcomes to reflect the priority status it requires. This will be the subject of negotiation in the final drafting process.

5. Future Development and Timeline

- 5.1 Currently, officers in both partnerships are pulling together the submissions from the various thematic groups into one cohesive document as the initial draft SOA.
- 5.2 This document will take on board guidance due to be issued this month from Scottish Government in regard to governance and accountability for SOAs within Community Planning Partnerships as well as performance management arrangements that will be required to be in place in order to manage performance of the agreement forward and in accordance with the principles of best value.

- 5.3 Both Partnerships are working on the submission of the final draft SOA to Scottish Government by the end of February 2009, the final SOA completed by May 2009 and a formal sign off with Scottish Government in June 2009 with all Community Planning Partners.

6. Sign Off Process

- 6.1.1 Given that SOAs are required to be written as Community Planning Partnership SOAs this year, there requires to be a process for signing them off, within all relevant partner organisations and collectively. It will therefore be necessary for NHS Lanarkshire Board to approve both SOAs, prior to their submissions as final drafts at the end of February.

7. Conclusions and Recommendations

- 7.1 Both North and South CHPs are actively involved in the production of the SOAs, which are now nearing final draft stage. Both will contain the necessary outcomes and indicators to adequately reflect the interests of the NHS Board in terms of Health Improvement and Wellbeing and Community Care.

- 7.2 The Board is asked to;

- a) Note the content of this report and the preparatory work being undertaken.
- b) Agenda, for the February Board meeting, consideration and approval of the final draft of both North and South Lanarkshire SOAs.

8. Contact for Further Information

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