

Meeting of
Lanarkshire NHS Board

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**SUBJECT: THE FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS FOR PRIMARY AND
COMMUNITY CARE SERVICES IN CAMGLEN AND THE NORTHERN
CORRIDOR**

1. PURPOSE

An initial paper was presented to the Boards of NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde and NHS Lanarkshire in August 2007 which set out a number of proposals in regard to the future of primary and community services in these two areas. Both Boards asked that a period of discussion and consultation was undertaken with those affected or potentially affected by the proposals. The following report has been compiled to provide the Board with a restatement of the original proposals and rationale, the discussions and consultation that has taken place, the issues raised and the next steps.

2. SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES

Consultation and discussion took place separately in Camglen and the Northern Corridor, but on the basis of the same set of proposals.

The range of stakeholders involved in the consultation included patients, public, politicians, directly employed staff and independent contractors. The details of the numbers that attended meetings and so forth are contained in the full report

The meetings with the Staff and GPs were well attended and the issues raised were well documented. The vast majority of the issues and concerns raised have been addressed in terms of reassurance on service continuity and ring fencing of budgets.

A detailed analysis of the legality of such proposals was carried out and it confirmed that the directly employed staff and GMS contracts were able to be transferred between Health Boards. The other independent contractor contracts were not.

The level of consultation, the issues raised and responses received alongside the issues of legality are fully in line with the requirements set by both Boards in August 2007.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board accept the conclusions and next steps outlined in this report and formally agrees to the further transfer of responsibility from NHS GG&C to NHSL of the directly employed staff and GMS contracts within the Cambuslang / Rutherglen locality and the Northern Corridor.

That the Board agrees that this transfer will be undertaken at an appropriate juncture in the financial year 2008/09 and by no later than March 2009.

That the Board require that an Implementation Team is established to formally manage the process of transfer within the agreed parameters set above.

4. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information or clarification of any issues in this paper please contact.

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