

Meeting of  
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## **SUBJECT: ANNUAL REVIEW 2007**

### **1. PURPOSE**

This paper introduces the Annual Review letter from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing, confirming the main points and actions agreed during discussion at the Annual Review and associated meetings in Hamilton on 19 November 2007.

### **2. SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES**

The Annual Review letter confirms the outcome of positive meetings with: the Area Clinical Forum; the Area Partnership Forum; patients; and records the Cabinet Secretary's positive experience on her visit to the Integrated Addictions Service in Coatbridge. The Annual Review Meeting acknowledged a number of the Board's achievements during 2006/2007, in the areas of: Health Improvement and Reducing Inequalities; Efficiency and Governance; Access; Treatment; and Service Change. The Annual Review letter identifies the key action points arising from the Annual Review, as follows:

- Show emerging evidence of measurable improvements in reducing health inequalities
- Continue to develop innovative approaches to make contact with, and meet the needs of, hard to reach and deprived communities
- Consider demonstrating the economic benefits of upstream, targeted interventions in health
- Carry out further analysis around the expected rate of retirements. Work undertaken so far has been largely based on age profiles for the workforce
- Continue ongoing engagement with the Scottish Government Health Finance Directorate regarding progress on finance and property/capital related issues

- Redouble efforts to reduce the number of delays and eliminate seasonal fluctuations to achieve the April 2008 target for delayed discharges
- Put in place robust arrangements to ensure the Local Delivery Plan identifies key actions and how any risks to delivery will be mitigated in order to demonstrate required levels of progress towards achieving the NHS QIS Clinical Governance and Risk Management Standards
- Continue to have evidence available in order to provide assurances with regard to the robustness of clinical governance and risk management arrangements
- Consider what additional attention, services and support will be required locally to deliver a 10% reduction in antidepressant prescribing by 2009
- Address issues of capacity for Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services and keep officials informed of developments

Lead Officers for each of the 10 actions will be identified. Progress against the actions will be overseen by the Corporate Management Team, and will be the subject of reports to the NHS Board prior to the Annual Review 2008.

### **3. CONCLUSION**

The NHS Board is asked to note the Annual Review letter, and to endorse the proposed mechanisms for taking forward the agreed key action points.

### **4. FURTHER INFORMATION**

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