

Meeting of  
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## **SUBJECT: Plan for Modernising Primary Care Services**

### **1. PURPOSE**

Over the course of the past eighteen months there has been a considerable amount of work undertaken through the Primary Care Programme Board to develop a plan for the modernisation of primary and community care services. The Board has previously received interim updates on progress with the plan. The document achieved a final draft status in April 2008 and was then circulated to a range of interested stakeholders for a period of engagement.

Attached is the final version of the Plan entitled “ New Horizons” along with a feedback report which outlines those individuals and organisations that did provide feedback over the May / June period together with a synopsis of their comments.

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

The plan identifies the key drivers for change and context within which primary care services are operating at present. The document describes some of the evidence based factors that support shifting the balance of care and scopes out the requirements of our key stakeholders

The plan identifies four cornerstones of care that need to be developed in primary care services and for each one identifies the desired outcomes, the measures that will be used to identify whether we are being successful in fulfilling these outcomes. It then goes on to describe the delivery mechanisms that will be used to achieve the targets and so forth.

It is acknowledged that there are already a number of well developed strategies being implemented in NHSL, including Mental Health, Learning Disabilities, Sexual Health and so forth. The plan does not duplicate these strategies but does provide a synopsis of the impact that these developed strategies have on primary care services.

The cornerstones cannot be delivered without appropriate supporting infrastructure and Section 6 outlines the developments required in terms of IM&T, workforce and estates that are required over the period.

Finally the plan describes the resource requirements for the strategy, many of which are already built into the current financial plan. It is noted that there are limitations on financial resources and that delivery of key features are resource dependant. The speed with which some elements are implemented will depend upon the overall NHSL financial plan, achievement of CRES targets and availability of Scottish Government finances.

### **3. ACTIONS REQUIRED**

Once the plan is approved by the Board it will be important to develop a detailed action plan. This will occur over the next six months and will be monitored by the Primary Care and Acute Service Improvement Board.

The feedback report will be used to inform the action plan and its formulation will include key stakeholders such as the PPFs and Carer's organisations as well as the Local Authorities.

Detailed feedback will also be provided to all that contributed to the document.

### **4. RECOMMENDATION**

The Board is asked to receive the Plan for Modernising Primary Care services, to provide further comment and subject to inclusion of those comments to approve the plan for implementation.

The Board will receive a further update on the plan once the action plan has been produced.

### **5. FURTHER INFORMATION**

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

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