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## **Full Business Case Learning Disabilities Assessment & Treatment Centre**

### **1. PURPOSE**

The attached Full Business Case is for the development of a Learning Disabilities Assessment and Treatment Centre at Kirklands Hospital, in line with national policy, it provides the Lanarkshire NHS Board with details of the service model and the capital and revenue funding requirements for the development.

The Full Business Case requires approval of Lanarkshire NHS Board and will be submitted to the Scottish Government Health Directorates Capital Investment Group if approved.

### **2. BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES**

A number of reports and reviews over recent years have set out the evidence and rationale to support the proposed change in service delivery which has culminated in the compilation of the attached Full Business Case. These are:

- **The Same As You? – Scottish Executive 2000**

In 2000 the Scottish Executive produced a “Review of Services for People with Learning Disabilities – The Same As You?” The review indicated that services provided for people with Learning Disabilities no longer met their needs. It was recommended community services should be developed and Learning Disability hospitals decommissioned by December 2005.

- **We Want A Life – NHS Lanarkshire 2000**

In 2000 Lanarkshire NHS Board, with its strategic partners and in conjunction with people with a Learning Disability, developed the Lanarkshire Strategic Framework – “We Want A Life”. It was recommended a Learning Disability Community Service be developed within Lanarkshire and, integral to this service is the development of an in-patient Assessment and Treatment Centre. It was further recommended Birkwood and Kirklands Hospitals would be decommissioned and closed.

- **People with Learning Disabilities in Scotland, Health Needs Assessment Report – NHS Health Scotland, February 2004**

The Health Needs Assessment Report recommended access to both community based and inpatient specialist services for assessment and treatment should be available for people living in the community.

Through the Learning Disability Strategic Framework NHS Lanarkshire established a project board, with the remit to develop the proposal for an Assessment and Treatment Centre, integral to the Learning Disability Community Service. An Outline Business Case for a Learning Disabilities Assessment and Treatment Centre was submitted and approved by Lanarkshire NHS Board in April 2008.

The preferred option for the provision of Learning Disabilities Assessment and Treatment services within Lanarkshire is that of providing a new, purpose built 12 bed unit, incorporating a therapy suite for both in-patients and out-patients, designed with extensive end-user input and located on the Kirklands Hospital site, Bothwell.

NHS Lanarkshire has worked in partnership with North and South Lanarkshire Councils, service users, relatives, carers and advocates to ensure the development is end user led and, significant engagement has been undertaken to a wide range of identified stakeholders.

This project will assist the Board in achieving a number of objectives by integrating services for people with a learning disability with flexible services which focus on complex health needs and will ensure the delivery of national and local Learning Disability Health Service Strategies.

The Assessment and Treatment Centre will complete the decommissioning of in-patient Learning Disabilities services, with all residents discharged to community settings. The centre will provide short-term assessment and treatment and will return patients to the most appropriate community environment for their on-going care and support.

Direct public funding is the procurement route that has been assessed to deliver the best performance and value for money for this development. The revenue and capital consequences of the Full Business Case are within the Board's agreed Financial Plan.

The Learning Disabilities Assessment and Treatment Centre is one of four developments within the NEC3 Contract and, the timescales are contained within the Master Programme which the Board has previously approved. The Supply Chain Partner has been appointed and the planned programme timescales have been provided to the Scottish Government.

### **3. TIMETABLE/MILESTONES**

The following milestones have been identified, in accordance with the wider capital investment programme and the agreed Partnering Framework.

Detailed Planning Consent	February 2008
Target Cost Established	November 2008
Full Business Case NHS Board Approval	November 2008
FBC submission to Scottish Government CIG	January 2009
Construction Commences	March 2009
Completion Date	June 2010
Service Commission	July 2010

### **4. CONCLUSION**

The Board is asked to consider the attached documentation and:

- Approve the Full Business Case to enable implementation
- Approve the capital investment sum of £7.344m
- Agree to submit the Full Business Case to the Scottish Government Health Directorate's Capital Investment Group for approval.

### **5. FURTHER INFORMATION**

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