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**SUBJECT: HMIE REPORT INTO THE INSPECTION OF SERVICES TO
PROTECT CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE
NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL AREA**

1. PURPOSE

To inform the Board of the publication and conclusions of the report.

2. CONTENT/SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES

2.1 Background

The Board has received previous reports on the preparation for the visit by HMIE, the most recent, on the report on the same subject for South Lanarkshire, being at its meeting in September 2008. Members will recall that two inspections took place concurrently for both the North Lanarkshire Council area and the South Lanarkshire Council area from February to April, this year. The attached report concerns itself with findings for North Lanarkshire which were published on 29 September 2008.

The inspection was of all the agencies that contribute to the protection of children and young people within the Council area and therefore included: NHS Lanarkshire, the relevant police division, social work, housing, leisure facilities and Reporters Office.

2.2 Findings

The report is in keeping with the oral feedback by the inspectors in April 2008. A copy of the HMIE report is attached. From Appendix 1 of the report it can be seen that of the 18 quality indicators: 9 were rated very good, 7 were rated good and the remainder were rated satisfactory. None were rated weak or unsatisfactory. This puts North Lanarkshire (along with South Lanarkshire) in the top 5 of Council areas so far inspected.

3. ACTIONS

The Board will wish to note the following:

1. A multi-agency development plan has already been formulated and this will be reviewed in the light of the report from HMIE, however, it is not expected that any significant changes to that development plan will be needed.

2. The corporate objectives for 2008/09 has an important section on further improving NHS Lanarkshire's child protection arrangements, particularly case management and again these will require little revision in the light of the report from HMIE.

4. CONCLUSIONS

The Protection of Children and Young Adults is a critical issue and the Board rightly expects a high level of assurance about the NHS contribution both in its own right and as part of the multi-agency arrangements. The report by HMIE validates our own internal self assessments, the objectives set for 2008/09 and the overall development plan.

5. FURTHER INFORMATION

If Board members wish further information or clarification on any issues please contact Anne Armstrong, Divisional Nurse Director (Primary Care) on Telephone number 01698 245256.

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