

**NHS LANARKSHIRE**  
**NORTH COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP**  
**NORTH LOCALITY**

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## **1. NHS Lanarkshire Wide Update**

### **1.1. Primary Care Hub**

Work continues on the proposed new Kilsyth Health Centre. Stage 1 site investigations at the site adjacent to the swimming pool look favourable, with procurement of a contractor to move to stage 2 investigations underway. The position of the building has now been agreed following both topographical and tree surveys. The building will be situated close to the swimming pool, with discussions ongoing with North Lanarkshire Council about the potential for a shared service yard, the need to re-provide footpaths and the number of car parking spaces required.

A public event will be undertaken in October, likely based in the current Health Centre, to present the design proposals for the new Health Centre. This will run from 11am – 7pm and will be well publicised before the event.

Work now continues on the room data sheets to finalise the specification of clinical rooms. Where possible, this will be completed as one for all three new builds in Lanarkshire so, for example, the Speech and Language Therapy rooms in each site will be identical.

A planning application will be completed and submitted by December 2012, with Stage D (design freeze) confirmed to the Project Board the following month.

### **1.2. Treatment Room Review**

Work continues to roll out the Treatment Room Review in North Locality. One of the major hurdles in the area was the requirement to agree an IT system to allow the Treatment Room Nurses to access the GP IT systems in Central Health Centre. A new solution for this issue was presented to the GP Practices on 20<sup>th</sup> September and work is now taking place to roll this out across the area.

Completion of this work is anticipated to take around 5 weeks, so it is proposed that the Treatment Rooms in Central Health Centre are moved into the new Treatment Room suite from 1<sup>st</sup> November. Once this move has proved successful, Kenilworth patients will be brought into the new suite towards the end of the year and finally the changes to the peripheral sites will take place in early 2013.

This will leave the Locality with a large Treatment Room and Phlebotomy service in Central Health Centre running from 8am – 6pm Monday to Friday, and part time services (2.5 days per week) in Abronhill, Condorrat, Craigmarloch and Kildrum.

Please note Kilsyth is not included in the Treatment Room Review as Kilsyth Medical Partnership provides its own Treatment Room Service.

## **2. Locality Update**

### **2.1. Young Mums and Mums 2B Group**

The Young Mums and Mums 2B group continues to run very successfully from the Garrel Vale centre in Kilsyth. The group is set up to provide teenage mothers with both professional and peer support from the antenatal period to 9 months postnatal.

In agreement with the group, the day of provision is changing from Fridays to Tuesdays from late September so as not to clash with other groups.

Babies of teenage mothers are more likely to be premature, have low birth weight and infant mortality in this group is significantly higher. Teenage mothers are more likely to smoke, have Postnatal Depression, suffer isolation and are less likely to breastfeed.

On average, 10 young mums attend the group on a weekly basis, with up to 16 attending at once. Although the group is based in Kilsyth, it covers the whole Locality (including the Northern Corridor), with taxis provided for those without transport.

Once at 9 months postnatal, the young mums are supported to attend other groups such as One Parent Family Scotland groups, Transition Group and Community Learning and Development's Learning Hubs.

### **2.2. Healthy Working Lives**

North Locality has been successful in achieving the Silver Healthy Working Lives Award. This involved educating and supporting staff to make healthier choices at work. This included:

- Staff Health Checks
- Information on key health campaigns displayed on the Healthy Working Lives notice boards in each Health Centre
- Breast cancer charity work, raising over £1000 for Cancer Research
- Staff ceillidh night
- Health and Safety awareness raising

There are around 20 other businesses in North Locality signed up to the Healthy Working Lives award.

## **3. Conclusions**

The LAP members are asked to note the content of this report for information.