

NHS LANARKSHIRE**NORTH COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP****NORTH LOCALITY****Date of Report:** 04.07.2013**From:** Ross McGuffie, Service Manager**Author:** Ross McGuffie, Service Manager**Subject:** Update Report to the Local Area Partnership**1. NHS Lanarkshire Wide Update****1.1. Primary Care Hub**

The Outline Business Case that was previously submitted to the Scottish Government has been passed, so work has now progressed on to the submission of a Full Business Case. This Business Case will go to NHS Lanarkshire's Board for approval on 28th August, with final approval from the Scottish Government expected in October. Work in Kilsyth is planned to commence in January 2014, with a move in date in the Spring of 2015.

The build will consist of 2 stages. The first is the reconfiguration of the swimming pool car park to re-route traffic around the outside edge of the site, ensuring that swimming pool users are kept safe during the works. The second stage is the construction of the building itself and the new car park.

The development of the Full Business Case is already underway and Graham Construction is working on the phasing of the build to ensure that the works can be delivered on schedule.

1.2. Health Board Boundary Changes

From 1st April 2014, health board catchment areas are to be realigned with local authority boundaries. The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Well Being, Alex Neil, announced the planned change noting "any mismatch of health board and local authority boundaries presents an administrative barrier to integrated working, complicating the planning and delivery of health and social care services".

In April 2006, Community Health Partnerships (CHP's) were introduced and in doing so, brought a much greater focus on joint working between health boards, local authorities and hospital-based services. North Lanarkshire CHP was formed on the basis of the local authority boundary and as a result, incorporated the Northern Corridor area from within NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde.

In February 2008, a paper was submitted to both NHS Boards to propose that NHS Lanarkshire take the management responsibility for the health services for this area (along with Cambuslang and Rutherglen in South Lanarkshire) on behalf of NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde. The Northern Corridor remained within the NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde boundary, but financial and operational responsibility for services and staff transferred to NHS Lanarkshire where possible from 1st April 2009.

Independent Contractor contracts (GP's, Dentists, Optometrists and Pharmacies) did not transfer to NHS Lanarkshire as part of this process as this would have required legislative changes to transfer contracts without the mutual consent of the parties to those contracts. This matter has been resolved with the statutory changes to health board boundaries announced by the Cabinet Secretary

NHS services, including Independent Contractors, in the Northern Corridor area will therefore transfer from NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde into NHS Lanarkshire. In turn these services will become an integral part of any future Health and Social Care Partnership arrangements that will be put in place as part of the adult health and social care integration process which has been set out in the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Bill.

The Cabinet Secretary has confirmed that “patients will stay with the same GP practice and continue to receive treatment in their local hospital, even if their catchment area has changed.”

Both NHS Boards are currently establishing a project Steering Group to deliver the changes associated with the alignment of the boundaries and will communicate widely on the scope and progress between now and implementation on 1 April 2014.

North Locality Service Manager Ross McGuffie is currently on a one year secondment to take on the role of Project Manager for the proposed changes. The Local Area Partnership and Northern Corridor Community Forum will form a key part of the communication strategy as this work develops.

1.3. Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA) Screening

The aorta is the main blood vessel from the heart that supplies blood to most of the major body organs. Particularly in older men the wall of the aorta can weaken and balloon out to form an aneurysm, which can slowly grow over time and once above a certain size there is a risk that it may rupture. Most men will not have any symptoms until the aneurysm ruptures with a 75% risk of rapid death. Survivors will often require short-term renal dialysis and intensive care support and may not recover all that well; ruptured aneurysms are best prevented. Asymptomatic aneurysms can be detected by a simple, painless ultrasound scan.

If an aneurysm is detected it can be monitored over time and if it grows beyond a size that is considered to be safe then the elective insertion of a vascular stent can significantly reduce the risk of rupture. After full national rollout it is expected that the AAA screening programme will save around 170 lives per year in Scotland.

From April 2013 all 65 year old men in Lanarkshire will automatically receive a postal invitation for an ultrasound scan of their abdomen to measure the diameter of the aorta. Men aged 66 years and over can self-refer to the programme.

The ultrasound scans will be carried out by a sonographer at the radiology departments of each acute hospital and at two health centres; Kilsyth health centre and Braeside in Kirkmuirhill. The scan takes around 10 minutes to complete and the result is available immediately.

The aim of the screening programme is to reduce the mortality from AAA in men over the age of 65 years by shifting the balance of care away from reactive emergency management of ruptured aneurysms to the elective management of more stable aneurysms. This will be done by separating out men at high risk of AAA rupture from those at low risk.

A robust communications strategy has been developed to highlight the new screening programme and includes posters and leaflets across a wide range of service and venues including GP Practices, Leisure Centres, football stadiums, golf clubs etc). Press releases have also gone out to local newspapers and a national communication programme is also underway.

2. Locality Update

2.1. Central Health Centre Car Park

A new car park barrier has been installed at Central Health Centre, meaning both Health Centre car parks now have controlled entry. This has immediately reduced the car parking pressures on the site caused by College and Town Centre users. Patients will be given a token when attending an appointment to allow them to exit the car park. In addition, following complaints about cars parking illegally on pavements causing obstruction for disabled users, plans are underway to protect the pavements with railings and remodel the front of the health centre to include a turning circle and ambulance bay.

3. Health Improvement Update

3.1. Sexual Health

NHS Lanarkshire is responding to a rise in the number of cases of syphilis diagnosed by its Sexual Health Service. Syphilis is a sexually transmitted infection (known as an STI) that affects both men and women. It can be passed on easily through sex, including oral sex. Often, there are no symptoms, so people may not know they have it.

NHS Lanarkshire is working jointly with Health Protection Scotland, Terrence Higgins Trust, Waverley Care and North and South Lanarkshire Councils to address the issue. Within local areas, Health Improvement staff are engaging with partners to raise awareness and provide briefing sessions on the key messages around prevention, safer sex and the importance of testing to prevent further infections occurring.

- Visit www.lanarkshiresexualhealth.org for details of the syphilis quick check clinics. These are for people who have no symptoms.
- Contact **0845 618 7191** for access to your nearest sexual health clinic. Lines are open from **9.00am to 4.45pm, Monday to Friday**. These clinics are for people who have symptoms or wish to speak to a specially trained member of staff.
- Your GP can offer testing.

For further information on Syphilis and other sexually transmitted infections and how to access free condoms, visit: www.lanarkshiresexualhealth.org

3.2. Launch of Scotland's Tobacco Control Strategy – Creating a tobacco-free generation 27th march 2013

Scotland is the third nation in the world to set an ambitious target to become tobacco-free – by having less than 5 per cent of the population choosing to smoke by 2034. The aim is part of a new tobacco control strategy, launched to reduce the number of people choosing to smoke. The strategy covers the next 5 years and supports the introduction of standardised packaging and education programmes to prevent young people from starting to smoke.

Services to help people stop smoking are to be improved and measures to protect people from the harms caused by second-hand smoke are also included in the strategy.

The key actions from the tobacco control strategy include:

- Setting 2034 as a target for a tobacco-free Scotland
- Supporting the introduction of standardised packaging
- Investing in education programmes for young people
- Implementing smoke-free hospital grounds by 2015
- Delivering a national marketing campaign on the danger of second-hand smoke
- Setting a target for reducing children's exposure to second hand smoke.

NHS Lanarkshire is committed to work in partnership towards this ambitious target to become tobacco free by 2034.

4. Conclusions

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