

NHS Lanarkshire

Report to Airdrie Area Local Partnership

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Subject. Update report on the Picture of Health and The conclusion of the Review of Accident and Emergency Services.

Purpose The purpose of this report is to update the Airdrie Area Partnership on the conclusion of the review of Accident and Emergency Services. The report also alerts members to the more detailed papers available on the NHSL website.

1. Decision:

At its meeting on the 30 January 2008, the Board of NHS Lanarkshire concluded the review of accident and emergency services.

Board members unanimously agreed to submit a recommendation to the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing for the retention of existing emergency care services at Monklands Hospital, subject to some service changes (detailed below), and for there to be no significant change to the current configuration of emergency services within NHS Lanarkshire. The board also made 2 recommendations.

2. Recommendation:

(i). That there should be no significant change to the current configuration of emergency services within NHS Lanarkshire subject to the following changes:

- developing a Primary PCI (Percutaneous Coronary Intervention) service for NHS Lanarkshire at Hairmyres Hospital in tandem with the planning of services with other West of Scotland Boards;
- concentrating haematology inpatient services at the Lanarkshire Cancer Centre at Monklands hospital when it is developed;
- redesigning clinical specialties to ensure that the Board can generate the required improved efficiency to deliver the 18 week RTT (Referral to Treatment) target by 2011. This will include early consideration of how best to organise orthopaedic and trauma services;
- establishing an Emergency Response Centre as described in 'Better Health, Better Care' along with the support of other partnership agencies.

(ii). That NHS Lanarkshire receive the full resources recommended by the NRAC (National Resources Allocation Committee) Report, which are essential to provide the additional revenue resources required to support the Board's top priorities for capital investment in primary care, mental health and learning disabilities.

In agreeing these recommendations, the Board has asked the Cabinet Secretary to recognise that two key issues remain to be addressed. These were:

- that NHS Lanarkshire requires support by NHS Education Scotland (NES) in its attempt to recruit and retain a sustainable medical workforce including the resolution of the specific issues associated with the Board's reliance of fixed term specialist training posts.
- that a business case is now required to ensure that NHS Lanarkshire secures the appropriate mix of revenue and capital funding for the upgrading of Monklands Hospital recognising that this will be undertaken over a longer period than originally envisaged.

3.Next Steps

The Board's recommendation have now been submitted to the Cabinet Secretary for approval and we expect to hear the outcome during February. The LAP will be updated following approval by the Scottish Government.

For further detailed information members can access the NHSL website where board papers can be viewed.

<http://www.nhslanarkshire.co.uk/Board+Papers+and+Meeting+Dates/January+2008.htm>

4.Recommendations

The LAP to note the report.