IJB10. Primary Care Premises Initial Agreement (PIA)

The Integration Joint Board considered a report by the Head of Integration and NHS FV General Manager Primary Care which presented the draft Programme Initial Agreement document. The PIA was considered by NHS Forth Valley on 31 May 2022 and following approval, was submitted to the Scottish Government Capital Investment Group for consideration at their meeting in June. The outcome of the Health Board meeting was reported back verbally at the meeting.

The Scottish Government's vision for the future of primary care services was that "general practice and primary care are at the heart of the healthcare system. People who need care would be more informed and empowered, would access the right professional at the right time and would remain at or near home wherever possible. Multidisciplinary teams (MDTs) would deliver care in our communities and be involved in the strategic planning of our services."

In April 2021, the Health Board agreed to establish a Project to progress the development of a Programme Initial Agreement (PIA) for primary care premises across NHS Forth Valley. This had been developed in line with the requirements of the Scottish Government Capital Investment Manual and follows the submission of the Strategic Assessment in 2019.

The aim of the PIA was "to improve GP services for all: Ensuring all GP practices had adequate capacity to deliver core general medical services with access to extended community services within "fit for purpose" premises; responsive to current and changing practice populations."

The Board asked if members of the public had been involved at an early stage. In response to the question, the General Manager for Primary Care said the extent of engagement had been considered at the early stages, however the programme had been at a conceptual phase at that point, and it had not been considered appropriate for engagement with the wider public. However, patient and carer representatives had been engaged with. There had been plans to engage with the wider community once the programme had reached the outline business case stage.

Decision

The Integration Joint Board:-

- (1) endorsed the Primary Care Initial Agreement document, and;
- (2) noted that following approval of the PIA, work by the Health Board and Capital Investment Group will commence to progress with 4 separate Outline Business Cases; (one for each locality where capital investment is required). The Falkirk Central locality requirements (fifth locality) will be addressed as part of the Falkirk Community Hospital (FCH) Master Planning project. There is paper elsewhere on this agenda regarding the progress of the FCH project.