

AGENDA ITEM

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**Title/Subject: Primary Care Improvement Plan
Delivering the New 2018 General Medical Services Contract**

Meeting: Integration Joint Board

Date: 5 October 2018

Submitted By: Associate Medical Director - Primary Care

Action: For Noting

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. The purpose of this paper is to present the Integration Joint Board (IJB) with the final submission of the Forth Valley Primary Care Improvement Plan to the Scottish Government. Delegated authority for the Chief Officer to approve the final submission was agreed at the June meeting of the IJB and the attached plan is presented for information.

2. RECOMMENDATION

The Integration Joint Board is asked to:

- 2.1 note that the Forth Valley Primary Care Improvement Plan was approved by the Chief Officer and submitted to the Scottish Government on 30 July 2018
- 2.2 note the risks associated with implementing the Primary Care Improvement Plan
- 2.3 note that the Scottish Government has not, as yet, responded to the Forth Valley Primary Care Improvement Plan.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 At the June Integration Joint Board, members received a detailed report and presentation on the proposed Primary Care Improvement Plan by Dr Stuart Cumming, Associate Medical Director for Primary Care.
- 3.2 Board members had the opportunity to explore in detail the key elements of the proposed Improvement Plan submission and, following discussion, were content to delegate to the Chief Officer authority to approve submission of a final draft to the Scottish Government.

4. FORTH VALLEY PRIMARY CARE IMPROVEMENT PLAN

- 4.1 The two Integration Joint Boards in Forth Valley have collaborated to produce a single Improvement Plan for Forth Valley. The final version is attached and is consistent with the detailed presentation and paper presented to the IJB in June.
- 4.2 Partners believe that the Plan, as presented, represents appropriate and realistic proposals to deliver the benefits envisaged by the new 2018 General Medical Services Contract for Scotland. It addresses the key priorities identified in The Memorandum of Understanding between the Scottish Government, British Medical Association, Integration Authorities and NHS Boards. These are.
- Vaccination Transformation Programme
 - Pharmacotherapy Services
 - Community Treatment and Care Services
 - Urgent Care (advanced practitioners)
 - Additional Professional Roles
 - Community Link Worker.

Details of the plans for each priority are set out in the attached Improvement Plan.

- 4.3 The Improvement Plan has also been prepared in the context of the continuing challenges in sustaining GP Practices in the area which were a key element of the discussion with IJB members in June.

5. CONCLUSIONS

- 5.1 The report and the associated plan provides detailed information on the Primary Care Improvement Plan 2018-21.

Resource Implications

The Plan highlights the challenge for the Health Board and the Partnerships in delivering and sustaining the necessary investment required to deliver the contract. This will need to be managed in future years if additional funding is not available centrally to address the assessed workforce requirement.

Impact on IJB Outcomes and Priorities

This report and associated recommendations, relates to the Falkirk Health and Social Care Partnership Strategic Plan and local outcomes and priorities.

Legal & Risk Implications

Risks relate to the financial resource to sustain the future workforce and to the challenge of growing and developing the workforce skills necessary to deliver the proposed plan.

Consultation

Consultation and engagement with GPs has included an Information Evening, CREATE session and formal meetings. This will continue as the as development and implementation of the Plan progresses.

Equalities Assessment

An EQIA has been completed and submitted for the Primary Care Improvement Plan. The benefits of the proposals in the new contract for patients are to help people access the right person, at the right place, at the right time in line with the Scottish Government Primary Care Visions and Outcomes.

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List of Background Papers:

The 2018 General Medical Services Contract in Scotland
Memorandum of Understanding between Scottish Government, British Medical Association, Integration Authorities and NHS Boards

Documents Attached

Forth Valley Primary Care Improvement Plan 2018-2021