MINISTERIAL ENGAGEMENT BRIEFING: SHONA ROBISON

Engagement Title

Organisation/Venue and full address including postcode

Date and Time of Engagement

Background/Pupose

Meeting to discuss Modernisation of Mental Health Services in Lanarkshire.

Dining Room, Bute House

Date: Tuesday 7 March 2017

Time: 11.30 -12.30

The meeting was requested by Callum Campbell in discussion with the DGH&SC. I attach a paper provided by the Board as a separate document.

NHS Lanarkshire currently provides adult inpatient mental health services from its three DGH sites. The Board has been seeking to modernise service provision going back a number of years. The strategic direction to move from provision on three sites to two was included in *A Picture of Health* which was approved by the NHS Board in 2006 and subsequently approved by Lewis MacDonald when Minister for Health. Formal consultation was carried out then. At that time the proposal was to provide inpatient provision at Monklands for north Lanarkshire and at Hairmyres for south Lanarkshire Further consideration was paused when decisions on A&E provision were overturned by Ms Sturgeon but there was no requirement to revisit the mental health plans.

The Board returned to consider implementation of the proposals in 2009 and an Initial Agreement to commence the Business Case process was submitted to SG in December 2009. However, before the SG Capital Investment Group had the opportunity to consider the case the Board withdrew it citing concerns about future revenue and capital availability. Other constraints were the space availability on the Monklands site and the scale of redevelopment that would be required. The Board then decided to take the opportunity to scope further options.

[redacted under section 30(b)(i) and 30(b)(ii)]

Current Position

The Board tell us that they have made significant progress in transforming the way mental health services are provided. They tell us that a reduction in acute beds from 144 to 108 has allowed for investment in improved community services in local communities, delivering multi-disciplinary and multi-agency support care and treatment as close to home as possible, using hospital only when necessary. This has resulted in a shift in the balance of care away from the institutional model of care. An intensive care psychiatric unit has also opened on the Wishaw site.

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