



JOINT WINTER PLAN 2016/17

Aim

To present the approved NHS Borders and Scottish Borders Council Joint Winter Plan 2016-17 to the Board for noting.

Background

The final Winter Plan was required to be submitted to Scottish Government by 31st October 2016.

Summary

The Joint Winter Plan outlined the range of measures proposed to manage predicted increased activity during the winter period.

The Scottish Government issued a self-assessment template for Boards to test winter planning preparedness. This was undertaken.

A risk assessment was completed and highlighted risks to delivery of the Winter Plan and mitigating actions to minimise those risks.

The implementation plan which underpins the Winter Plan is well underway. It should be noted the implementation plan is a dynamic document and will be amended in light of emerging issues and operational constraints. The delivery of the Winter Plan is overseen by a Winter Planning Board, chaired by the Chief Officer.

Recommendation

The Health & Social Care Integration Joint Board is asked to **note** the final approved Joint Winter Plan 2016/17.

Policy/Strategy Implications	Request from the Scottish Government that a whole system Winter Plan is developed and signed off by the Health Board.
Consultation	The Winter Plan has been prepared by and in conjunction with stakeholders. The plan has been reviewed by Clinical Executive Operational Group, Strategy and Performance Committee, SNC Corporate Management Team and Integrated Joint Board.
Risk Assessment	Completed

Compliance with requirements on Equality and Diversity	Equality and Diversity Scoping template completed. This indicates that there are no equality and diversity impacts of the Winter Plan. The Winter Plan provides enhanced and additional services to maintain access to and delivery of health services. This benefits all people within Scottish Borders.
Resource/Staffing Implications	The Winter Plan presents no additional financial implications. Staffing requirements within the Winter Plan have been progressed.

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