

Scottish Borders Health & Social Care  
Integration Joint Board



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**DIRECTION – PRIMARY CARE IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

<b>Purpose of Report:</b>	To direct the Health and Social Care Partnership, and in particular NHS Borders to implement the Primary Care Improvement Plan for 2018-21. ( Agenda item 6.1)
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<b>Recommendations:</b>	<p>The Health &amp; Social Care Integration Joint Board is asked to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <b>approve</b> the issuing of a Direction to NHS Borders and Scottish Borders Council to implement the Primary Care Improvement Plan for 2018-21.</li> <li>b) <b>request</b> NHS Borders to implement the Primary Care Improvement Plan for 2018-21 and the proposed funding allocations for 18/19, under this new “Direction”.</li> <li>c) <b>request</b> highlight reports from the Primary Care Strategy Group and the NHS Borders Clinical Executive Strategy Group on the progress and on-going development of the implementation of the PCIP.</li> </ol>
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<b>Personnel:</b>	There will be staffing implications within the PCIP, these will be addressed through each work stream.
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<b>Carers:</b>	N/A
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<b>Equalities:</b>	The overall policy direction of the Primary Care Improvement Plan will apply equally where possible.
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<b>Financial:</b>	There will be staffing implications within the PCIP, these will be addressed through each work stream and funding applied within the overall budget limit of the plan.
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	Should further funding be required the normal decision making and governance procedures will apply.
Legal:	Introduction of a new approach to primary care provision.  This proposal has been discussed at the Board Executive Team, the Executive Management Team, the Clinical Executive Strategy Group and agreed by the GP Sub Committee.
Risk Implications:	Risk Assessments and Health Inequality Impact Assessments will be undertaken at individual work stream level.

## Background

- 1.1 The Primary Care Improvement Plan (PCIP) will aim to support the further introduction of the new contract for General Practitioners and improve the overall efficiency and quality of Primary Care provision within the Scottish Borders.

## Summary

- 2.1 Last year Scottish Government brought together the Out of Hours, Primary Care Transformation Fund and Mental Health Funds into a single funding allocation, referred to as the Primary Care Transformation Fund (PCTF).
- 2.2 Several key developments have taken place since then. These include:
- Scottish Government and BMA agreement to proceed with the 2018 General Medical Services contract following a poll of the GP profession – January 2018.
  - Publication of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Scottish Government, British Medical Association, Integration Authorities and NHS Boards – draft published November 2017 and finalised 19 April 2018.
  - Primary Care National Workforce Plan – published 30 April 2018.
  - Passing of Scottish Government Budget Bill in February 2018 confirming increase in Primary Care Fund from £72m in 2017-18 to £110m in 2018-19.
  - Wider contextual developments include; the new Oral Health Action Plan and on-going work by the Health and Justice Collaboration Improvement Board to further develop 'Action 15' of the Mental Health Strategy, which is committed to the appointment of 800 new mental health workers in health and justice settings.
- 2.3 Taken together, these set the terms of the main deliverables which are expected within the Primary Care Improvement Plan, focusing on six priority work areas:
- Vaccinations
  - Pharmacotherapy
  - Community Treatment and Care
  - Urgent Care
  - Additional Professional Roles
  - Community Link Workers

## Funding

- 3.1 The Scottish Government is investing a total of £115.5 million in the Primary Care Fund (PCF) in 2018-19. There are a number of elements to the overall Primary Care Fund:
- Primary Care Improvement Fund (PCIF):
  - General Medical Services;
  - National Boards; and
  - Wider Primary Care Support including Out of Hours Fund.
- 3.2 An in-year NRAC allocation to integration Authorities (IAs) (via Health Boards) will comprise £45.750 million of the £115.5 million Primary Care Fund. For the Borders this equates to an allocation of £962,000 for 18/19, the fund must be delegated in its entirety to Integration Authorities.
- 3.3 Primary Care Improvement Plans should set out how this additional funding will be used and the timescale for the reconfiguration of services.
- 3.4 The money must be used by IAs for the purposes described by Scottish Government. The PCIF including base lined GP pharmacy funding should be;
- “treated as PCIF and cannot be subject to any general savings requirements and must not be used to address any wider funding pressures.”*
- Directorate for Population Health, Primary Care Division, Scottish Government. 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2018.
- 3.5 This paper, through this “Direction”, will enable the Health Board and the Health and Social Care Partnership, to support the continued introduction of the new GP Contract and to introduce further improvements in the primary care offer for the residents of the Scottish Borders.
- 3.6 Should the board accept this proposal to introduce this Direction and the proposed plan; further papers will be submitted to the Strategic Planning Group with highlight reports to the Integration Joint Board (IJB) outlining the progress during this financial year with further more detailed plans to follow for the next two financial years.