

Scottish Borders Health & Social Care  
Integration Joint Board



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**PRIMARY CARE IMPROVEMENT PLAN (APRIL 2019-MARCH 2020)**

<b>Purpose of Report:</b>	To propose that the Integration Joint Board agrees the submission to the Scottish Government of the revised Primary Care Improvement Plan for the Scottish Borders, and to agree its implementation.
<b>Recommendations:</b>	The Health & Social Care Integration Joint Board is asked to:  a) <b><u>Agree</u></b> the revised Primary Care Improvement Plan.
<b>Personnel:</b>	There will be staffing implications to support the on-going development and implementation of the PCIP for both GP Practices and the Primary and Community Services.; these will be addressed through each work stream and through the Primary Care Strategy Group.
<b>Carers:</b>	N/A
<b>Equalities:</b>	The overall policy direction of the Primary Care Improvement Plan will apply equally where possible.  Health Inequality Impact Assessments will be undertaken at individual work stream level.
<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.
<b>Legal:</b>	Introduction of a new approach to primary care provision requiring an agreement with the IJB Board, and the GP Sub Committee.
<b>Risk Implications:</b>	Risk Assessments will be undertaken at individual work stream level.

## Summary

- 1.1 The Primary Care Improvement Plan (PCIP) aims to further support implementation of the GMS contract 2018 for General Practitioners and improve the overall efficiency and quality of Primary Care provision within the Scottish Borders.
- 1.2 Integration Authorities are required to;
1. develop three-year Primary Care Improvement Plans (PCIPs), of which this is the second iteration to be presented before the Integrated Joint Board (IJB), the first was approved in September 2018. It is stipulated that these must be agreed with the local GP Sub Committee.
  2. commission, deliver and resource, through their plans, the six priority services identified in the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and the Contract document ("Blue Book") in support of the new GP contract.
- 1.3 The Primary Care Improvement Plan focuses on six priority work areas:
- Vaccinations;
  - Pharmacotherapy;
  - Community Treatment and Care;
  - Urgent Care;
  - Additional Professional Roles:
    - First Point of Contact Physiotherapy;
    - Community Mental Health Professionals;
  - Community Link Workers.
- 1.4 The plan is an iterative document which aims to offer a high level summary of intentions across the work streams during the remaining period of the plan. Further on-going work is required across the partnership to further develop the required provision for individual elements, for example, the Vaccination Transformation Programme.
- 1.5 The first year of the plan has been supported through the Primary Care Strategy Group and the 6 work streams, all supported by local GPs. In developing this current update of the plan, it has been recognised that further support is required to enable productive input from GPs. To this end an executive group of the GP Sub has assisted, and will continue to assist in its implementation and further development.
- 1.6 The Primary Care Division of the Scottish Government have been involved throughout our preparations and remain supportive. We expect, as do all IJBs, that more detail will be added with each revision of the plan. The plan expects delivery within the remaining two years. Further reports and refinements to the plan will be taken to the Strategic Planning Group of the IJB, with highlight reports being brought to the IJB. The governance of the overall plan takes place at the Primary Care Strategy Board (PCSB) which contains members of all stakeholders.

## **Funding**

- 2.1 The Scottish Government invested £962k from the Primary Care Improvement Fund (PCIF) during 2018/19 with a further anticipated investment of £1m during 2019/20.
- 2.2 The 2018/19 allocation was not fully utilised therefore £440,867 has been carried forward for use in 2019/20. The fund must be delegated in its entirety to Integrated Authorities (IA's).

## **Progress**

- 3.1 Planning and workforce constraints have slowed progress; however, increased traction should be possible in year 2 of the plan with greater involvement of the partnership of GPs supported through GP Sub and its executive.
- 3.2 GP colleagues remain involved through all six workstreams and through the PCSG. Progress was discussed at the last PCSG, where lead Civil Servants from Scottish Government were present. They acknowledged the progress made to date and were able to share examples of good practice and some areas of continued challenge experienced across Health and Social Care Partnerships.
- 3.3 Borders Health & Social Care Partnership and the Chair of the GP Sub Committee, were invited to present the progress of PCIP implementation to the National GMS Oversight Group on 24 April 2019. This meeting highlighted the need for a number of national agreements still required to support the implementation of the new GMS Contract.
- 3.4 The 2019/20 plan presented here is supported by the GP Sub Committee for submission to the Scottish Government. GP Sub recognises that this is a further iteration of our shared plan and that further work will be required as we progress into the second year of implementation. The IJB are recommended to approve the 19/20 plan.
- 3.5 Further updates on each of the six work streams of the PCIP will be reported to the Strategic Planning Group of the IJB, with highlight reports brought to the IJB as necessary.