

*Scottish Borders Health & Social Care
Integration Joint Board*



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BORDERS PRIMARY CARE IMPROVEMENT PLAN UPDATE REPORT AND NEXT STEPS	
Purpose of Report:	The purpose of this report is to update the Integrated Joint Board on the Borders Primary Care Improvement Plan (PCIP) and propose an ongoing governance model.
Recommendations:	The Health & Social Care Integration Joint Board is asked to <u>note</u> the progress of PCIP to date and <u>support</u> the proposal to establish ongoing governance once services are mainstreamed.
Personnel:	Circa 70 wte new posts will be established across a number of clinical and support services. All posts are resourced at a 52 week level in order to provide year-round services
Carers:	The timely access to support from the most appropriate service to meet the clinical needs of the individual will directly benefit the patient and therefore indirectly support their carers.
Equalities:	An HIIA has been carried out
Financial:	A ringfenced resource allocation has been made of £3.2m over the 3 years of PCIP programme from Scottish Govt with the direct instruction from them that this cannot be used for saving targets or for any other purpose than the delivery of PCIP
Legal:	The delivery of PCIP is part of the national GP Contract (2018) through a Memorandum of Understanding between BMA and Scottish Government (Health and Integrated Authorities)
Risk Implications:	Recruitment IT Infrastructure Accommodation Non-delivery of GP Contract

Executive Summary:

Background

- PCIP is part of the GP Contract introduced in 2018. It is defined through an agreed national Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) which mandates the delivery of specific priorities aimed at supporting people to access more easily the most appropriate healthcare to meet their needs which will release GP clinical time and will allow GPs to focus on their role as Expert Medical Generalists.
- The national MoU for PCIP was agreed by Scottish Government (Health and Integrated Authorities) and the BMA. This tripartite partnership is mirrored at a local level by the GP Sub Committee, NHS Borders and IJB who are jointly responsible for PCIP delivery.
- The PCIP Executive Committee is the body which oversees and directs the development and implementation of the PCIP programme in Borders. Its membership is at senior level and represents the three partner organisations.
- PCIP forms part of the terms and conditions of employment for all GPs and as such is not optional.

Summary

- Though slowing down in March / April work on PCIP has continued throughout the Covid pandemic and the PCIP Executive Committee have continued to meet.
- Through robust review of progress in all workstreams, the PCIP Executive Committee revised priorities and commitments in the PCIP financial plan and identified resource that could be diverted to contribute to a joint funding arrangement with Mental Health Services in order to establish a new and innovative Primary Care Mental Health service (described in the attached PCIP document). This decision was supported by GP Sub Committee, IJB and the Board Executive Team.
- It has proven difficult to recruit fully qualified Advanced Nurse Practitioners (ANPs); therefore the decision was taken to appoint trainee ANPs and to support them through their training with appropriate mentorship in place so that we can develop a local ANP workforce.
- Recruitment in general has improved over the last quarter which has allowed marked progress across the workstreams.
- The Community Treatment and Care Service workstream has been revisited and a model is currently being developed in partnership with secondary care.
- Scottish Government requested information templates to be submitted in October and November. These are attached separately alongside the updated Borders PCIP document which is a dynamic working document.
- In November 2019 Scottish Government asked all areas what the resource shortfall would be to deliver the full PCIP programme. Scottish Borders submitted an estimate of £1.9m (as reported to the Board previously). No further communication about this funding has been received from Scottish Government.
- The deadline for the delivery of the GP Contract was identified within the MoU as 31st March 2021. However, a Joint Statement from the Scottish Government and the BMA was released on 2nd December which indicates that the deadline and requirements of the contract delivery are to be extended a further 12 – 18 months with some specific requirements of Health Boards and Health & Social Care Partnerships. The implications of this require to be worked through in detail and once this work has been completed it would be the intention to bring a subsequent

update to a future meeting of the IJB.

- Following completion of the PCIP programme, when the workstreams become embedded in mainstream operational services, it will be important to maintain ongoing oversight and monitoring to ensure that they continue to deliver the contractual agreement. A model for this governance has been proposed and is appended.

Documents appended:

- Current updated version PCIP Document (submitted to Scottish Government Nov 2020).
- Covid PCIP3 Scottish Government Return (Oct 2020).
- Financial Template Scottish Government Return (Nov2020).
- Proposed model for the Ongoing Monitoring and Oversight of PCIP.
- HIIA.