



Integration Joint Board
Transformation, and Innovation/Futures Committee

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This Report relates to
Item 5 on the Agenda

Primary Care Transformation Update

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For Noting

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List of Background Papers:	N/A
Appendices:	Appendix 1 – Primary Care Transformation full report

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This paper offers assurance in relation to the progress to date of the Deliverables within the Primary Transformation Programme.
- 1.2 This update on the Primary Care Transformation Programme in Dumfries and Galloway aims to show the progress achieved to date by the Primary Care Transformation Programme in Dumfries and Galloway and sets out the expectation of the progress during the period January 2022 – April 2023.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 **The IJB Transformation, and Innovation/Futures Committee is asked to:**
- **Note and given confidence of compliance with legislation, policy and Board objectives.**

3. Background and Main Report

- 3.1 The Primary Care Transformation Programme is the process by which the 2018 General Medical Services (GMS) Contract will be implemented in Dumfries and Galloway. The 2018 GMS Contract Framework¹ sets out the changes that are required to how GP services will be to ensure better care for our patients and the availability of sustainable healthcare services in our communities.
- 3.2 The Contract advocates the development of GPs as Expert Medical Generalists (EMGs), supported by a wider multi-disciplinary team (MDT) made up of a range of professionals including Pharmacists, Mental Health workers, Paramedics, Physiotherapists, Nurses and Community Link workers. Each of these team members can utilise their specialist skills to better manage the care of patients and improve their eventual outcomes. It is hoped that some of the issues around GP sustainability can be addressed through both the reduction of the GP workload and the reduction of risk to the GP as an independent contractor by looking at issues such as premises, workforce and information sharing arrangements.
- 3.3 Across Dumfries and Galloway, the Health and Social Care Partnership is responsible for the strategic planning for the local population, including for primary care services. Within each of the four localities in Dumfries and Galloway (Wigtownshire, Stewartry, Dumfries and Nithsdale and Annandale and Eskdale), GP Cluster Groups have been established which bring together groups of GP practices with a focus on quality improvement and engagement with wider Health and Social Care Partnership structures with the aim of delivering service change and improvement. These four Cluster groups across Dumfries and Galloway have had a key role in the ongoing development of the plan and will continue playing a key role as we move towards the full implementation of the GMS Contract.

Appendix 1 outlines the assessment of where the Primary Care Transformation Programme work.

4. Conclusions

- 4.1 This has been previously considered by the following groups as part of its

development. The groups have either supported the content, or their feedback has informed the development of the content presented in this report.

- **Contract Development Group – January 2023**
- **Health and Social Care Leadership Group – January 2023**

5. Resource Implications

- 5.1 There is no immediate financial impact but finance will be considered as proposals are progressed through the Programme Boards and in accordance with the Financial Investment Framework, proposals will be submitted to the Financial Recovery Board as required.

6. Impact on Integration Joint Board Outcomes, Priorities and Policy

- 6.1 There are no further impacts of note at this time however we do require ensuring any legal impact is identified on major transformation work through consultation with our legal representatives.

7. Legal and Risk Implications

- 7.1 Risk register is in place and continue to be monitored and managed and will be managed by the Project Team with oversight from the Contract Development Group and Health and Social Care Partnership Group.
- 7.2 Any risks will be assessed on an individual basis; however, this will be managed through the governance structure as above which in itself reduces the risk of uncertainty in relation to priorities, and to support the delivery of transformational change through routine oversight.

8. Consultation

- 8.1 The Board has carried out its duties to involve and engage external stakeholders where appropriate and in accordance with the Health and Social Care Communication and Engagement Strategy and process.

9. Equality Impact Assessment

- 9.1 Impact assessments will be undertaken at scheme level as required in relation to proposed service change/delivery. An impact assessment is also under development of the 2023/24 Annual Delivery Plan within which this work sits and will be available for review at a future date.

10. Glossary

EMGs	Expert Medical Generalists
EQIA	Equalities Impact Assessment
GMS	General Medical Services
IJB	Integration Joint Board
MDT	Multi-Disciplinary Team
SPDC	Strategic Planning, Delivery and Commissioning

