

NHS Scotland GMS Implementation

GMS STRATEGIC TESTS REVIEW GROUP

Note of the meeting held on Friday 11 January 2008, 1 pm – 5 pm, Springfield House, Stirling

Present: Nic Zappia (Chair) (NZ), Paul Ardin (PA), Steve Faulkner (SF), Kim Frater (KF), Dr Julie Kidd (JK), Duncan Miller (DM), Mary Mitchell (MMi), Martin Moffat (MM), David Notman (DN), David Whipps (DW),

In attendance: Lee Henderson (*notes*)

Apologies: Fiona Bell, Dr Ross Cameron, Peter McAuley, Dr Shiona Mackie

1. Welcome and Apologies

NZ welcomed those present.

2. Workforce Modernisation Division – restructuring / future support for GMS

Restructuring of the Workforce Modernisation Division is underway; it is intended that the GMS / Primary Care Programme Team will transfer to the Primary Care Directorate on 1 April 2008. The Workforce Development Team will disperse and the GMS/PC team will take on the coordinating role for GMS.

Pay Modernisation and Workforce plans are being developed and the GMS/PC team will continue to link into this.

3. Note of the meeting of 23 November 2007

The note of the meeting of 23 November 2007 was agreed as an accurate record.

4. Update from Primary Care Leads meeting on 18 December 2007

The redesign of the Strategic Test process was supported by Primary Care Leads and the view was that given the forthcoming Audit Scotland GMS Review report, the strategic test process requires to be updated for 2007/08.

5. Strategic Tests Review Process 2007/08

It was agreed that there was little benefit in rerunning the 2007/08 strategic tests in full but instead ask Boards to provide an update on those indicators where they scored 0, 1 or 2 in their 2006/07 return. This will allow the 2006/07 return to be updated and rescored for 2007/08 which will demonstrate where Boards have addressed issues and progressed over the last year. Boards will be informed of the direction the Strategic Tests will take for 2008/09.

The process for 2007/08 was agreed as follows:

- Send Boards an individualised reassessment proforma which will include the returns scored at 0 and 1 in 2006/07. Boards will be asked to provide an update and supporting evidence on how they have addressed issues and to rescore if appropriate.
- Boards will be asked to comment on any indicator they scored at 2 and where appropriate rescore if they believe they have moved to a 3.
- Enclose the above with a covering letter signed by Jonathan Pryce, outlining the 3 key messages for 2008/09 Strategic Tests:
 - aim to move to performance monitoring
 - based on 9 CHP outcome areas / Audit Scotland report outcomes
 - linked to 'Benefit Realisation' but will not duplicate any information request.

Action DM/SF

6. Strategic Tests Review Process 2008/09

Questions must be generic across all Boards following NHS Shetland's comments that some Strategic Tests questions could not be answered by Island / Rural Boards.

It was agreed that the direction of the 2008/09 Strategic Tests would be performance monitoring and not a retrospective assessment. Dental and Optometry cannot be included at this stage.

2008/09 tests should focus on Primary Care and therefore further representation on the group will be requested:

- Pharmacy representation from the NSS Pharmacy Group. **Action PA**
- Contact Gill McVicar for a CHP General Manager nomination to capture the wider Primary Care. **Action NZ**

Members discussed Access, from the nine key areas, as a starting point for discussion on how to approach the new process. SF, JK, DM, MM and DN will meet to discuss this further.

It was agreed that for Strategic Tests 2008/09 the 9 key CHP areas will be combined into 4 or 5 domains with 1 – 3 indicators for each and circulated to the group for comment. **Action SF**

7. AOCB

8. Date of Next Meeting

Availability request for early March will be sent to members. Meetings will be arranged every second month until December.