

NHS Scotland GMS Implementation

STRATEGIC TESTS GROUP

Note of the meeting held on Friday 12 October 2007, 2 pm – 5 pm, Springfield House, Stirling

Present: Nic Zappia (Chair) (NZ), Paul Ardin (PA), Fiona Bell (FB), Steve Faulkner (SF), Dr Julie Kidd (JK), Duncan Miller (DM), Mary Mitchell (MMit), Martin Moffat (MMof), David Whipps (DW)

In attendance: Lee Henderson (*notes*)

Apologies: Dr Ross Cameron, Kim Frater, Dr Shiona Mackie, Gordon Nixon, David Notman

1. Welcome and Apologies

Members were welcomed and introductions made for the benefit of Fiona Bell and Mary Mitchell who had joined the group. The purpose of the meeting was to review the Strategic Test process to address new GMS and Primary Care agendas and to streamline the tests into other elements such as Pay Modernisation plans and workforce plans as well as other primary care contracts, particularly pharmacy.

2. Note of last Meeting

The note of the meeting on 18 June 2007 was agreed as an accurate record.

Duncan Miller and Steve Faulkner will be undertaking a facilitative and supportive visit to NHS Orkney on 22 October. Sue Rickets and Mary Mitchell will be running training for practice staff in December 2007 and shadowing Local Network & Learning will be suggested.

3. Revision of Group Membership

The membership of the group will be taken to the GMS Leads meeting on 31 October for direction.

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4. Strategic Test Reports for 2006/07 – Feedback

Board reports were recently issued but no feedback has been received to date.

5. Review of GMS Strategic Tests / Monitoring Process for 2007/08 – Link with Pay Modernisation Plans

It was agreed that the content of the Strategic Tests should be developed afresh but may use valid points from the previous version. The tests should take account of the GMS review to be undertaken by Audit Scotland and of the 'Better Health Better Care' initiative. The format should remain as a self assessment tool.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the Strategic Tests should address how the GMS contract supports and helps deliver the 9 CHP strategic areas:

- i. Easing access to primary care services
- ii. Systematic approach to long-term conditions
- iii. Providing anticipatory care
- iv. Supporting people at home
- v. Avoiding hospital admissions
- vi. Develop more local diagnosis and treatment
- vii. Enabling appropriate discharge & rehabilitation
- viii. Improving health and tackling inequalities
- ix. Improving specific health outcomes

Martin Moffat will pull out specifics discussed under these areas.

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A summary will be pulled together for the GMS Leads meeting on 31 October 2007 recommending that:

- the Strategic Tests should be a standard agenda item,
- that the Strategic Tests concentrate on 9 areas linking to the 9 main areas pertinent to CHPs,
- that the tests are evidence based and that evidence is measured in a consistent way

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The summary, which will include bullet points for each strategic area, will be circulated to the group for comment prior to the GMS Leads meeting.

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GMS Lead will be also be requested to offer direction regarding the tests content.

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6. Workplan / Timeframe for Distribution – Will be discussed at the next meeting

7. AOCB – nothing further to discuss

8. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Strategic Tests Group will be held on Friday 23rd November, 2-5pm, Springfield House, Stirling.