

NHS SCOTLAND - WORKFORCE MODERNISATION DIVISION

GMS STRATEGIC TESTS WORKING GROUP

Note of the meeting held on Tuesday 20 February 2007 at 3pm in Springfield House, Stirling.

Present: Dr Nic Zappia (Chair), Steve Faulkner, Lee Henderson,
Dr Gordon Nixon, Duncan Miller

Apologies: Dr Frances Elliot, Dr Julie Kidd, Dr Shiona Mackie, Martin Moffat

1. Review of Strategic Test

It was agreed that the review of the gms Strategic Test proforma would take place in two stages:

- i) Given the tight timescales involved, the initial piece of work will be to review the current GMS Strategic Tests for distribution to NHS Boards by end March 2007.
- ii) Content of the tests will be substantively reviewed later in the year by the working group to ensure their continuing relevance to NHSiS in the future.

The scoring methodology for 2006/07 will remain unchanged, and given the potential problems with interpretation highlighted by Martin Moffat, a narrative will be added highlighting the meaning of the aggregated performance scores.

NHS Boards will be made aware that, due to minor changes in the core indicator descriptors (also the case last year), there are limitations re direct comparison with the 2004/05 and 2005/06 data.

The proposal that ISD will undertake the quantitative analysis of returns and that the GMS/Primary Care Programme Support Team will provide feedback to Boards in the form of a narrative will be discussed with John Turner.

Action DM

The content of the ISD reports will be reviewed and clarified with John Turner. **Action DM / SF**

Due to time constraints on the day each of the core indicators for Tests 1-5 were reviewed by those present and amended to improve clarity and consistency. It was agreed that the GMS/Primary Care Programme Support Team would review the indicators in the remaining 5 questions and distribute to the wider group for their comments.

2. Timetable

Timetable as agreed for the distribution and return of the GMS Strategic Test:

Action	Time
Circulate revised draft proforma to the working group and John Turner for comments	26 February 07
Final version signed off by John Turner and sent electronically to GMS Leads for quick comment	Mid March 07
Distribution to NHS Boards	End March 07
Submission from Boards	Mid May 07
Analysis and reporting of returns	Jun / Jul 07