



To: Audit, Scrutiny and Petitions Board

On: 21 March 2016

Report by: Lead Officer

Heading: Review of Ward 15 (Children's Ward) Royal Alexandra Hospital

1. Summary

- 1.1 At its meeting on 30 November 2015, the Audit, Scrutiny and Petitions Board agreed to the recommendations and review programme outlined in respect of providing an informed, evidence-based Council view of any consultation regarding the future of Ward 15 at the Royal Alexandra Hospital in Paisley.
 - 1.2 For resourcing reasons it has been necessary to reallocate the Lead Officer role to Colin Grainger, Service Planning and Policy Development Manager for Community Resources, who assumed the role in late January 2016.
 - 1.3 The following report outlines the progress made by the Lead Officer in terms of taking forward the review, since the last meeting on 25 January. Key areas of activity have included a visit to both Ward 15 at the Royal Alexandra Hospital and the Royal Hospital for Children in South Glasgow, facilitated by NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde (NHS GGC) on 1 March 2016.
 - 1.4 The lead officer has held discussions with senior managers from NHS GGC indicating the range of information which the Board may wish to consider as part of the review and has confirmed that representation from NHS GGC will be available at a future meeting of the Audit, Scrutiny and Petitions Board.
 - 1.5 In light of these discussions several changes to the timetable are proposed for agreement by the Board as outlined in Appendix 1 below.
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2. Recommendations

2.1 It is recommended that the Audit, Scrutiny and Petitions Board:

- Notes the progress of the review;
- Agrees the key areas of information to be requested from NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde;
- Agrees that the Lead Officer should document all views of interested parties through the proposed electronic form mechanism;
- Note that a special meeting of the Audit Scrutiny and Petitions Board be convened in May 2016 which would be attended by representatives from NHS GGC;
- Approves the revised timescales for review programme for Ward 15 (Children's Unit) at the Royal Alexandra Hospital.

3. Progress

Information Gathering - NHS GGC

- 3.1 During January 2016, the Lead Officer role for the review was reallocated to Colin Grainger, for resourcing reasons. The Lead Officer has actively progressed the review programme and agreed actions from previous meetings of the Board.
- 3.2 The Lead Officer met with representatives from NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde in February 2016, and agreed a visit for members of this board on 1 March to both Ward 15 at the Royal Alexandra Hospital and the Royal Hospital for Children. The visits provided members with an opportunity for see, at first hand, the facilities and services provided at each hospital and to discuss provision with clinicians at both sites.
- 3.4 The provision of information by NHS GGC which is necessary to inform this review has now been discussed and agreed informally by the NHS Board. The key areas of information requested are as follows:
- Data on needs assessment and demand for services in relation to the Renfrewshire area and the wider NHS GGC board area over the past 3 years e.g. demographic projections, admissions, length of stay, A and E attendances, outpatient appointments;
 - Specific data on levels of activity for the new Royal Hospital for Children since its opening e.g. admissions, A and E attendances etc;
 - Staffing information in relation to both the Royal Hospital for Children and Ward 15 at the Royal Alexandra Hospital e.g. staffing numbers, breakdown by professions etc.;
 - All information relating to the options appraisal exercise undertaken as part of the previous review of provision in 2011/12;
 - All information available from the Board in relation to options for travel etc which would be available to families and children travelling to the new Royal Hospital for Children from the Renfrewshire local authority area.
 - Plans for future consultation regarding the future delivery of services from Ward 15 with staff, patients, families and local communities.

- Any quality or inspection related reports for both sites that could be shared with this board.

Inviting individual responses

- 3.5 A range of individuals or groups may wish to feed into the review, providing their own personal view on the provision of services through Ward 15. It is recommended that an electronic form is used to capture this information independently which could be accessed through the Renfrewshire Council website. This would assist the Lead Officer in documenting and gathering the views of all interested parties to the review for consideration by members of the board.

Further updates

- 3.6 In line with an action agreed at the meeting of this board on Monday 25 January 2016, an invitation was extended to Councillor M Macmillan to give evidence on the NHSGG&C Board's view as to the future of Ward 15 at the RAH. Councillor M Macmillan has confirmed to the Lead Officer that he will attend the scheduled Board meeting on Monday 6 June 2016 in line with the timetable for the Board detailed in Section 5.
- 3.7 The Board also agreed that a further investigation was required in respect of travelling costs and the availability of subsidies for assisting parents and carers. Discussions are ongoing with NHSGGC on this matter.

4. Timetable

- 4.1 Provisional timescales for the review were reported on 30 November 2015. As previously reported to Board these have been evolving to reflect progress made to date and to take into account discussions with key organisations such as NHS GGC. Members of the Board are asked to consider a request to schedule a special meeting in May 2015 which would be attended by NHS GGC for more detailed discussion on the services provided by Ward 15, currently and in the future.
- 4.2 Following the recent change of Lead Officer and discussions with NHSGGC a revised timetable has been included at Appendix 1 for the Board's approval.
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Implications of this report

- 1. Financial Implications – none.**
- 2. HR and Organisational Development Implications – none.**
- 3. Community Plan/Council Plan Implications – none.**
- 4. Legal implications – none.**
- 5. Property and Assets implications – none.**
- 6. Information Technology implications – none.**
- 7. Equal & Human Rights implications –** The recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report because it is for noting only. If required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council's website.
- 8. Health and Safety implications – none.**
- 9. Procurement implications – none.**
- 10. Risk implications – none.**
- 11. Privacy impact – none.**

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List of background papers: None

Appendix 1 Revised Timetable

Board Date	Action	Individuals and Organisations
30 November 2015	Scoping Paper submitted to Audit, Scrutiny and Petitions Board for approval.	
25 January 2016	Establish picture of Ward 15 (Children's Ward) within Royal Alexandra Hospital.	Community groups e.g. KNOW campaign.
21 March 2016	Update on progress and revision of timetable for review	Lead Officer
25 April 2016	Hear views of service users and members of the community. Consider written information requested from NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde	
May 2016 (to be confirmed)	Presentation by NHSGGC on potential option appraisal for the future of Ward 15.	NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde
6 June 2016	Hear evidence from Councillor M. MacMillan on the NHSGG&C Board's view on the future of Ward 15 at the RAH	
	Summary report feedback from service users and members of the community	
19 September	Submit final draft "Review of Ward 15 (Children's Ward) Royal Alexandra Hospital"	