



## SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE

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Dear Colleague

### **SCOTTISH ENHANCED SERVICES PROGRAMME FOR PRIMARY AND COMMUNITY CARE**

#### **Summary**

1. This circular provides an overview of a new programme of enhanced services in primary and community care. The information contained in this circular will enable NHS Boards to begin planning for the implementation phase of this new programme.

2. Outline specifications, including relevant guidance for each service, will be issued by the Scottish Executive on or before 31 August 2007. Detailed guidance referring to the process of the programme will also be issued at this time.

#### **Background**

##### Timing

3. The roll out phase of the programme will take place from October to December 2007. NHS Boards are expected to have services in place on or before 1<sup>st</sup> January 2008.

4. The programme will run in the first instance until March 2009. We believe this strikes the appropriate balance for NHS Boards to plan around the medium term and provides an opportunity to change and improve the programme at a future date.

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#### **Addresses**

##### For action

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## Programme Architecture

5. The programme devolves control to NHS Boards and allows them to deliver services according to local needs and priorities through contracting with a range of service providers. The programme reflects a set of national priorities but leaves precise specifications to NHS Boards. It is expected that the NHS Boards will work closely with their Community Health Partnerships to develop services.

6. The programme identifies the following services as national priorities:

- Services for adults with learning disabilities
- Alcohol screening and brief interventions
- Care for adults with diabetes
- Cancer and urgent referral audit
- Services for carers
- COPD-Pulmonary rehabilitation
- Falls prevention and bone health
- Childhood obesity services
- Flexible GP appointment sessions

7. Each NHS Board is required to choose a minimum of three services from the programme and develop these locally. NHS Boards are free to adapt the outline specifications to take account of local needs and resources providing the adaptations fit with the national criteria. The outline specifications are currently being finalised and will be issued on or before 31 August 2007.

8. NHS Boards can also choose to develop an option to address local service gaps that are not highlighted in the national programme, provided that the service is:

- not specified within the programme and is not delivered elsewhere under current primary care arrangements.
- a new service that addresses a local service gap or demonstrably builds on current services.
- evidenced to support improvements to public health, and/ or local and accessible healthcare.
- in addition to at least three of the nationally identified initiatives within the programme.
- sustainable and provides value for money.
- subject to a limit of 20% of the funding allocated to the individual Board for the programme.

9. NHS Boards are not required to contract with any particular service provider in order to provide services under this programme. We expect contracts to be awarded solely on the basis of those providers best placed to offer the most appropriate service to patients at reasonable cost. Where services are provided through contract, then it will be for the NHS Board to negotiate appropriate fees.

## Funding and Allocations

10. The programme will be supported by funding of £6.5m in 2007/08 and £13m in 2008/09.

11. The allocations to each NHS Board are shown at Annex A. The method of allocation is (a) 50 per cent distributed using the Scottish Allocation Formula and (b) 50 per cent distributed on the basis of population, older people (65 years of age and over) and the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD). The relative weights are 50:25:25.

### Programme Monitoring

12. It is intended that the programme architecture will facilitate good value for money. NHS Boards will have the opportunity to design local services around local priorities and use a range of commissioning routes to put in place new or better services.

13. However, a number of checks will be required for central audit. NHS Boards will need to supply outline proposals on or before 1 October 2007, identifying planned services and estimated costs. A final record of chosen services and actual costs should be submitted on or before 1 February 2008.

14. The Division plans to facilitate development meetings between now and the end of the year so that NHS Boards can support one another in the development of services and value for money.

15. The Scottish Executive will be forming a small working group to consider future developments on the programme, which will look to evidence from NHS Boards about the services undertaken. It is expected that this will take place in autumn 2008. In order to feed relevant evidence into this review, NHS Boards will need to submit a progress report on their chosen services to the Scottish Executive by 1 September 2008.

### **Action**

16. NHS Boards should note the advice and action required from this circular. Information should be circulated to appropriate colleagues in NHS Boards, and where relevant, CHPs.

Yours sincerely

DR JONATHAN PRYCE  
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Annex A

Scottish Enhanced Services Programme for Primary and Community Care: Allocation to NHS Boards.

<b>NHS Board</b>	<b>2007/08</b> £m	<b>2008/09</b> £m
Ayrshire & Arran	0.473	0.947
Borders	0.133	0.267
Dumfries & Galloway	0.192	0.383
Fife	0.411	0.822
Forth Valley	0.342	0.684
Grampian	0.603	1.206
Greater Glasgow & Clyde	1.729	3.458
Highland	0.429	0.859
Lanarkshire	0.692	1.385
Lothian	0.902	1.803
Orkney	0.025	0.050
Shetland	0.026	0.053
Tayside	0.502	1.003
Western Isles	0.041	0.081
<b>Total</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>13.0</b>