

## **Background**

The Scottish Government has established Panels to undertake independent scrutiny of significant service change proposals put forward by NHS Boards. There are two Panels: one which is considering revised service proposals from NHS Lanarkshire and NHS Ayrshire & Arran; and another which is considering relevant service proposals for consultation from NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde. This paper focuses on the second of these Panels – the Clyde Panel.

## **What Is The Clyde Panel's Role?**

The task of the Panel is to bring to bear independent, expert, probing scrutiny on the relevant service proposals for consultation from NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde. The aim is to provide assurance to the public, through the Panel's published commentary, that NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde's proposals for consultation:

- Are, in light of the presumption against centralisation, reasonable and necessary;
- Are safe, sustainable, evidence-based and represent value for money;
- Are robust, patient-centred and consistent with clinical best practice and national policy;
- Have been prepared taking appropriate account of the view of individuals and communities affected, as assessed by the Scottish Health Council;
- Reflect full consideration of all viable service options.

## **What are NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde's Proposals?**

NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde's proposals for service changes in the Clyde area are described in four summary briefing papers, which can be downloaded from the Independent Scrutiny Panels' website [www.independentscrutinypanels.org.uk](http://www.independentscrutinypanels.org.uk) or by contacting the Secretariat on 0141 225 5558. These cover:

1. Balance of Older People's Care: Johnstone Hospital
2. Clyde Maternity Services
3. Clyde Mental Health Services
4. Integrated Care at the Vale of Leven Hospital

Full details of the proposals are available on NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde's website, via the following links

- 1.[http://library.nhsgg.org.uk/mediaAssets/Hidden%20Storage/nhsggc\\_bpa4\\_clyde\\_consult\\_older\\_people\\_2007-06-26.pdf](http://library.nhsgg.org.uk/mediaAssets/Hidden%20Storage/nhsggc_bpa4_clyde_consult_older_people_2007-06-26.pdf)
- 2.[http://library.nhsgg.org.uk/mediaAssets/Hidden%20Storage/nhsggc\\_bpa3\\_clyde\\_consult\\_maternity\\_2007-06-26.pdf](http://library.nhsgg.org.uk/mediaAssets/Hidden%20Storage/nhsggc_bpa3_clyde_consult_maternity_2007-06-26.pdf)
- 3.[http://library.nhsgg.org.uk/mediaAssets/Hidden%20Storage/nhsggc\\_bpa2\\_clyde\\_consult\\_mentalhealth\\_2007-06-26.pdf](http://library.nhsgg.org.uk/mediaAssets/Hidden%20Storage/nhsggc_bpa2_clyde_consult_mentalhealth_2007-06-26.pdf)
- 4.[http://library.nhsgg.org.uk/mediaAssets/Hidden%20Storage/nhsggc\\_bpa5\\_clyde\\_consult\\_integrated\\_care\\_2007-06-26.pdf](http://library.nhsgg.org.uk/mediaAssets/Hidden%20Storage/nhsggc_bpa5_clyde_consult_integrated_care_2007-06-26.pdf)

### **Who Is Involved In The Clyde Panel?**

The Panel is chaired by Professor Angus Mackay, who has had a career of nearly 40 years with the Medical Research Council and the NHS, during which he has been continuously involved in the scientific appraisal of evidence in a wide variety of settings.

Medical expertise is provided by Professor Peter Brunt, CVO, OBE, an eminent physician and Vice-President of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh who was nominated by The Academy of Medical Royal Colleges and Faculties in Scotland.

Stuart Fair, who is a senior consultant at the Institute of Public Finance Limited, the management support services company of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy, provides financial expertise.

John Hanlon, who was nominated by the Scottish Consumer Council, is the Independent Case Examiner for the Department of Work and Pensions, and brings to the panel extensive knowledge and experience in public interest/involvement.

The Scottish Health Council, which was established in April 2005 to ensure that NHS Boards are fully engaged with the public and take account of their views, provides secretariat support to the Panel.

### **What Process Will The Panel Follow?**

The Panel commenced its work in September 2007 and is due to report by the end of November. It will be meeting regularly throughout the process. Minutes of the Panel's meetings will be published on its website [www.independentscrutinypanels.org.uk](http://www.independentscrutinypanels.org.uk).

Panel members will visit services affected by the proposals to gain an understanding of how they operate at present and how the plans might affect them.

The Health Board's proposals, and other related information, will be fully scrutinised by the Panel. Where necessary, the Panel can seek additional expert advice to assist it in its work.

The Panel will also be listening carefully to the views of local people.

## **How Will The Panel Hear From Local People?**

The Panel will be considering whether the Health Board has taken proper account of the views that were expressed by local individuals and communities when it was developing its proposals. The Scottish Health Council has prepared a report for the Panel to consider, which sets out how the Health Board has involved the public in the process to date.

The Panel is also keen to hear the views of local people directly. It wants to know what aspects of the Health Board's proposals people are happy, or unhappy with, and why. There are two ways in which people can give the Panel their views:

1. By attending a public meeting – The Panel is organising a public meeting in the three areas most affected by the proposals. Meetings will take place as follows:

- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November – Greenock
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Paisley
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November – Dumbarton.

Please note that all people wishing to attend these meetings must register their interest with the Scottish Health Services Centre, as these meetings are expected to be busy and places are limited for safety reasons. Details on how to contact them can be found later in this document.

2. By sending their views in writing for the Panel's consideration (address below). The deadline for receiving written submissions is Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 07.

### **Feedback**

The Panel is committed to providing feedback to those who participate in the process. A summary of the Panel's report will be sent to everyone who attends the public events and to those who submit their views to the Panel in writing.

### **Contact**

For information about the public meetings, contact:  
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To submit your views in writing to the Panel, contact:

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C/o The Scottish Health Council  
National Office  
Delta House  
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Or email: [scrutiny@scottishhealthcouncil.org](mailto:scrutiny@scottishhealthcouncil.org)

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