

Borders NHS Board



PROPERTY – SURPLUS & DISPOSAL

Aim

This paper advises the Board on a property which is seen to be surplus to operational requirements and applicable for disposal.

Background

Ongoing reviews of the Estate over the past twelve month period have highlighted properties within a space utilisation survey which are far from ideal in terms of design for current use, or are under utilised, this has led through the Property Review Group to the development of an Estates rationalisation plan. Consultation through the aforementioned Group has confirmed the ability of this organisation to utilise its property holdings more efficiently resulting in the undernoted property being categorised as surplus to requirements and available for disposal.

Summary

Board Headquarters, Rushbank, Newstead

This site now contains three buildings and occupies what was formerly the infectious disease hospital for the central Borders area. Constructed in 1903 the complex was made up of five red sandstone buildings that were converted to offices on the closure of the site as a hospital, with a two storey extension which links into three of the original buildings being added in 1994.

Following a robust space utilisation exercise, the services and personnel operating out of this site are in the process of relocating to other NHS Borders premises and it is expected that the site will be fully vacated by the end of April 2014.

Recommendation

The Board is asked to:

- **Declare** the property, namely, Board Headquarters, Rushbank, Newstead surplus to requirements.
- **Approve** the disposal of the property noted within this paper in compliance with the NHS Scotland Property Transactions Handbook.
- **Approve** the delegation of authority to approve/accept the best offer, to the Chair and/or Non Executive Director, the Chief Executive Officer and the Director of Finance.

Policy/Strategy Implications	The above complies with current policies and strategies, including the Board's Strategic Change Programme, Primary and Community Services Strategy
Consultation	The property included in the above has been presented to the Property Review Group at which all Clinical Boards and Support services are represented.
Consultation with Professional Committees	Where applicable, there has been full consultation carried out.
Risk Assessment	
Compliance with Board Policy requirements on Equality and Diversity	Not applicable
Resource/Staffing Implications	The revenue implications have been assessed as affordable.

Approved by

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