

Borders NHS Board



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NHS BORDERS COVID-19 LOCAL MOBILISATION PLANS	
Purpose of Report:	
This report provides a status update to the Board on the plans to mobilise and respond to the COVID-19 influenza pandemic.	
Recommendations:	
The Board is asked to note the process being followed to finalise the plans to mobilise and respond to the COVID-19 influenza pandemic.	
Approval Pathways:	
The Local Mobilisation Plans themselves have been developed in conjunction with service leads, reviewed by the Board Executive Team before being approved by the Chief Executive. This update paper was reviewed by the Board Executive Team and approved by the Director of Strategic Change & Performance.	
Executive Summary:	
<p>On 11th March 2020 Boards received a letter from John Connaghan Chief Performance Officer at NHSScotland advising of the need for us to develop a Local Mobilisation Plan (LMP) to respond to the COVID-19 situation. The initial plan was requested by 18th March 2020. There was no prescribed template to complete but as a minimum we were to ensure our plan outlined:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How we would scale up ITU capacity and associated timescales for this • How we would scale up your general bed capacity • What our plans were to scale back elective inpatients, daycases and outpatients • How we were working with partners to reduce Delayed Discharges • How we were planning a “whole system” response <p>We highlighted in that first LMP submission that our mobilisation plans would continue to evolve as further information became available and our response would be flexed accordingly. A second iteration of the LMP was submitted to Scottish Government as requested by them on 27th March 2020.</p>	

<p>In order to record our on-going planning and response activities we have continued to update the LMP.</p> <p>We have now finalised our fourth iteration of the LMP. As we move forward to consider how to recover and remobilise health services within the Scottish Borders, it is anticipated that this will be the last iteration of our COVID-19 LMP. Any significant changes from the plan will be recorded through the Pandemic Committee process as specific operational decisions. The next phase of addressing COVID-19 will be the development of an NHS Borders Board recovery plan.</p>	
Impact of item/issues on:	
Strategic Context	All NHS Boards were required to develop a Mobilisation Plan to outline their response to the COVID-19 influenza pandemic.
Patient Safety/Clinical Impact	As outlined in the Local Mobilisation Plans.
Staffing/Workforce	As outlined in the Local Mobilisation Plans.
Finance/Resources	Contained within the Local Mobilisation Plans. Weekly returns relating to the financial impact of COVID-19 are submitted to Scottish Government by the Director of Finance.
Risk Implications	As outlined in the COVID-19 Risk Register which has been developed as a result of the plans contained within the Local Mobilisation Plans to respond to the pandemic.
Equality and Diversity	Given the urgent need to respond to COVID-19 the Local Mobilisation Plans have not yet been assessed.
Consultation	The Local Mobilisation Plans has been developed in conjunction with Clinical Leads and Managers across the organisation and have been reviewed by BET.
Glossary	LMP- Local Mobilisation Plan