

TAYSIDE AND CENTRAL SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP**15 JUNE 2010****HEALTH AND TRANSPORT ACTION PLAN****REPORT BY STRATEGY MANAGER**

This report updates the Partnership on development of a draft Health and Transport Action Plan.

1 RECOMMENDATIONS

1.1 That the Partnership :-

- (i) notes progress in developing a draft Health and Transport Action Plan; and
- (ii) receives a further report on the Finalised Draft Health and Transport Action Plan to its next meeting on 14 September 2010.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Regional Transport Strategy (RTS) under the strategic theme Connecting Communities & Being Socially Inclusive includes a proposal to ensure that health and transport provisions are considered in a coordinated manner.
- 2.2 A Liaison Group has been established comprising officer representatives of Tactran, NHS Forth Valley, NHS Tayside and Scottish Ambulance Service, to consider issues of common transport and health interest and develop proposals which contribute to the development and delivery of relevant initiatives contained within the RTS and Single Outcome Agreements. The Group examined a Health and Transport Action Plan developed for the North-East of Scotland and considered that it was a helpful model for application in the Tactran area.
- 2.3 The Partnership agreed on 22 September 2009 (Report RTP/09/39 refers) that JMP consultants be employed to develop a Health and Transport Action Plan for the Tactran region. It was considered that JMP's previous background research, understanding of the workings of the Health Service and general experience of developing, and supporting delivery of the Nestrans & NHS Grampian Plan, would bring considerable knowledge and experience to the development of an equivalent Tactran Plan.

3 DISCUSSION

- 3.1 JMP has produced an initial Draft Health and Transport Action Plan. This has been developed following a detailed review of the key issues for the region and a Stakeholder Workshop involving selected stakeholders from the four Councils, Community Health Partnerships, NHS Tayside, NHS Forth Valley, the Scottish Ambulance Service (SAS), community transport representatives and patient representatives. This summarises the key background issues behind four key themes, as follows :-
- **Active Travel** - aims to promote walking and cycling in order to contribute to healthy lifestyles and address health issues such as obesity;
 - **Transport and Public Health** – aims to address transport issues that impact on public health, including poor air quality arising from traffic pollution; high background noise levels due to road, rail and air links; and injury or death due to involvement in road traffic accidents;
 - **Access to Healthcare** – considers the ability of patients to access healthcare, giving consideration to the location of healthcare services and the coordination of transport services and information ;
 - **NHS Staff Travel** - addresses the issue of NHS staff travelling during the course of the working day to assist in reducing costs and carbon emissions.
- 3.2 A draft vision and specific joint objectives for partners are identified. A range of potential actions and partner lead responsibilities are also identified, with a view to establishing an agreed delivery framework for the effective management and delivery of individual actions and the Draft Plan as a whole.
- 3.3 The initial draft Action Plan reflects the NHS Scotland and Scottish Government Healthcare Transport Framework published in November 2009. This provides an encouragement to transport and health agencies to collaborate more closely on the development of solutions and approaches to improving policy and service delivery integration and efficiency. It aims to develop a national approach to travel management, recognising the potential patient benefits and operating efficiencies that can come from greater co-ordination between Local NHS Boards, the Scottish Ambulance Service, Regional Transport Partnerships and Local Authorities. It provides guidance for NHS Boards to address transport for healthcare and includes a Transport Action Plan Checklist to help NHS Boards draw up an action plan to improve access to major healthcare facilities and develop internal and external capacity to respond to and deliver on the transport agenda. The Tactran Health and Transport Action Plan will ensure that the region's Health Boards are able to satisfy the actions listed in the checklist.
- 3.4 The initial Draft Action Plan has been issued to the region's two Health Boards and the SAS for informal internal consideration and comment. At this stage only the SAS has had an opportunity to consider the initial draft Plan and responded with comments. Further development of the Action Plan for formal consultation with Health Boards, SAS, Councils and other key stakeholders is awaiting establishment and outcomes from a Scottish Government-led short life working group which is to be set up to consider implementation of the national Healthcare Transport Framework.

4 CONSULTATIONS

- 4.1 This report has been prepared in consultation with the Transport Officers Liaison Group and the Chief Officers Liaison Group, who are in agreement with the proposals.

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Costs amounting to £18,000, associated with initial development of the Health and Transport Action Plan, have been met from the 2009/10 Revenue Programme. It is proposed that any further costs would be met from the unallocated provision within the proposed 2010/11 Revenue Programme, which forms a separate report to this meeting.
- 5.2 A request for consideration of contributions to meet the cost of developing the Regional Health and Transport Action Plan in light of national proposals and priorities on Health and Transport has been made to Health Service partners, NHS Forth Valley, NHS Tayside and Scottish Ambulance Service. To date, NHS Forth Valley has agreed to contribute £5,000 to the Plan's development.

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NOTE

Background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (and not containing confidential or exempt information) which were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above Report :-

Nestrans and NHS Grampian: Health and Transport Action Plan. July 2008

Scottish Government and NHS Scotland Healthcare Transport Framework

Report to Partnership RTP/09/39 Health and Transport Action Plan, 22 September 2009