

**TAYSIDE AND CENTRAL SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP****22 SEPTEMBER 2009****HEALTH AND TRANSPORT ACTION PLAN****REPORT BY STRATEGY MANAGER**

This report seeks the Partnership's approval to development of a Health and Transport Action Plan and the appointment of consultants JMP to support development of the Action Plan.

**1 RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the Partnership:-

- (i) approves the development of a Health and Transport Action Plan for the Tactran region; and
- (ii) agrees to the suspension of Financial Regulation 22.4 and approves the award of a contract to develop the Health and Transport Action Plan to consultants JMP at a cost of up to £18,000.

**2 BACKGROUND**

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.

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.

**3 DISCUSSION**

The Transport & Health Liaison Group has examined a Health and Transport Action Plan developed for the North-East of Scotland. The Plan was developed by JMP consultants for Nestrans and NHS Grampian. It is based on extensive stakeholder engagement, particularly in the various branches of the Health Service, backed up by desktop-based research into three topic areas:-

- **promoting active travel** – inappropriate use of some transport modes is contributing to sedentary lifestyles, whilst walking and cycling can be a convenient transport mode for some journeys and improve physical activity levels
- **transport and public health** – the undesirable side-effects of the transport system that impact on public health
- **access to healthcare** – transport is required to enable access to healthcare while accessing health services is a key transport demand and objective of the RTS.

The Health and Transport Action Plan summarises the key background issues behind each of the topic areas listed above, presents a vision and outlines specific joint objectives for partners. It lists a range of actions and identifies the lead responsibility and the partners involved. It has established a delivery mechanism for the effective management and delivery of the individual actions and the plan as a whole.

The Transport & Health Liaison Group considers that the Nestrans & NHS Grampian Health and Transport Action Plan is a helpful model for application in the Tactran area. This work by Nestrans has been identified as Best Practice in a Scottish Government Healthcare and Transport Stocktake report, which is currently being compiled by Scottish Government. It is understood that this will be published within the next few months, as 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.

A Plan for the Tactran region will need to reflect the different geographical and organisational characteristics of the area, not least reflecting the complexities of the area's two Health Boards; NHS Forth Valley also serves Falkirk and Clackmannanshire. Ninewells Hospital is the principal hospital for north Fife while Stracathro Hospital serves adjoining areas in Aberdeenshire, therefore NHS Fife and SEStran, and NHS Grampian and Nestrans will also need to be involved.

The development of Single Outcome Agreements since the publication of the Nestrans & NHS Grampian Action Plan will also require further development. There are also examples of Best Practice in the region that can be used to develop the Plan, such as the Blairgowrie Transport with Care Pilot Project and the development of the Ninewells Hospital – Perth Royal Infirmary hospital link bus service.

Given the considerable experience gained in developing the earlier work for Nestrans and NHS Grampian, it is proposed that JMP consultants are employed to develop a similar Action Plan for the TACTRAN region. JMP's previous background research, understanding of the workings of the Health Service and general experience of developing, and now supporting delivery of the Nestrans & NHS Grampian Plan, will bring considerable knowledge and experience which will have equal relevance to the development of an equivalent Tactran Plan.

JMP have quoted a cost of £18,000 for the preparation of the Health and Transport Plan, including holding a key stakeholder workshop. This is less than the equivalent cost of completing the earlier work for Nestrans, reflecting the efficiency benefits of experience already gained from their earlier work in north east Scotland. Accordingly the Partnership is asked to agree to suspend Financial Regulation 22.4 to enable appointment of JMP without recourse to competitive tendering.

#### **4 CONSULTATIONS**

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

## **5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

Funding for development of the Health and Transport Action Plan is proposed to be met from the provision for Contingency within the approved 2009/10 Revenue Programme.

A request for consideration of contributions to meet the cost of undertaking this work has been made to the Health Service partners, NHS Forth Valley, NHS Tayside and Scottish Ambulance Service and any further developments will be reported orally.

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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