



Perth & Kinross Integration Joint Board

30 MAY 2023

DELIVERY OF GENERAL MEDICAL SERVICE AT INVERGOWRIE MEDICAL PRACTICE

**Report by Chief Officer
(Report No. G/23/57)**

PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report outlines the current position with Invergowrie Medical Practice, and the options available to NHS Tayside for ensuring continuity of care for those patients registered with the practice.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Integration Joint Board (IJB):

- Notes the current position with Invergowrie Medical Practice and the termination date of their GMS contract on 23 June 2023;
- Notes the options explored for ensuring ongoing care for those patients currently registered with Invergowrie Medical Practice;
- Notes the preferred option recommended to NHS Tayside Board (see Appendix 1) to disperse the majority of patients to Ancrum Medical Practice and the remaining patients to a small set of practices, local to where they live and which have sufficient capacity to provide a continued good standard of access to healthcare and;
- Provides feedback for NHS Tayside Board to take into account in their decision making.

2. SITUATION/BACKGROUND / MAIN ISSUES

A report has been produced to be considered by NHS Tayside Board on 1 June 2023 (see Appendix 1) by NHS Tayside Primary Care Services in collaboration with Dundee Health and Social Care Partnership which has operational responsibility for Invergowrie Medical Practice and Perth &

Kinross Health and Social Care Partnership who have supported the options appraisal process and the Equality Impact Assessment.
NHS Tayside Primary Care Services have responsibility for advising NHS Tayside on options considered and the preferred option as part of the option appraisal process.

NHS Tayside has a duty to provide as part of the legislative process: *The Primary Medical Services (Scotland) Act 2004 amended The National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978 by placing a duty on **NHS Boards** to provide or secure 'primary medical services' for their populations.*

The report to NHS Tayside Board describes the current position, including the difficulties, which are currently faced in the delivery of General Medical Services within Invergowrie Medical Practice. The report also notes that following communication with registered patients of Invergowrie Practice, one of the local elected members for Perth & Kinross Council, Bailie Alasdair Bailey, initiated a local petition calling for the HSCP's and NHS Tayside to work together to be ready to take over the practice under direct management protocols assuming that no existing provider comes forward to continue the service after the June closure date. In relation to this proposal the petition has gathered 560 signatures.

3. PROPOSALS

Given the current demands on Primary Care teams, including general practice, there is not a simple solution to how best to deliver ongoing care for those who are registered with Invergowrie Medical Practice.

The report to NHS Tayside Board sets out five possible options which have been considered, the outcome of the options appraisal and the preferred option which will be reported to NHS Tayside for decision and to ensure that people registered with Invergowrie Medical Practice are able to continue to receive General Medical Services.

After considering a number of options, NHS Tayside Primary Care Services in conjunction with Angus as the lead partner, has recommended Option 2a which is to disperse the majority of patients to Ancrum Medical Practice and the remaining patients to a small set of practices, local to where they live and which have sufficient capacity to provide a continued good standard of access to healthcare.

4. CONCLUSION

Perth and Kinross IJB is asked to consider the recommendation in the report to NHS Tayside Board and to provide feedback which will be considered as NHS Tayside decides on the best option to implement.

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1. IMPLICATIONS, ASSESSMENTS, CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

Strategic Implications	Yes / None
HSCP Strategic Commissioning Plan	None
Transformation Programme	None
Resource Implications	
Financial	None
Workforce	TBC
Assessments	
Equality Impact Assessment	Yes
Risk	Yes
Other assessments (enter here from para 3.3)	None
Consultation	
External	Yes
Internal	Yes
Legal & Governance	
Legal	None
Clinical/Care/Professional Governance	None
Corporate Governance	None
Directions	None
Communication	
Communications Plan	Yes

1. Strategic Implications

Strategic Commissioning Plan

1.1 n/a

Transformation

1.2 n/a

2. Resource Implications

Financial

2.1 N/A

Workforce

2.2 If patients were to be dispersed to other GP Practices there would be an impact on the workforce in respect to the need to deliver General Medical Services and associated Primary Care services to a larger list of patients. The scale of this potential increase is not yet known.

3. Assessments

Equality Impact Assessment

- 3.1 An equality impact assessment is being undertaken by Dundee HSCP and supported by P&K HSCP. This is appended to the report to NHS Tayside Board.

Risk

- 3.2 The long term sustainability of Primary Care Services is identified as a Strategic Risk within the IJBs Strategic Risk Register. The difficulties experienced in delivering General Medical Services, as set out in the appended report, highlight the manifestation of the risk event occurring. Improvement actions are however in place to seek to mitigate this risk including the drafting of Perth and Kinross Primary Care Strategic Delivery Plan and Premises Strategy. These will be considered by the IJB at its meeting on 21 June 2023.

- 3.3 Other assessments

4. Consultation – Patient/Service User first priority

External

- 4.1 All registered Invergowrie patients were written to by Primary Care Services to inform them of the situation.

Internal

- 4.2 The HSCP Executive Management Team has been consulted in the preparation of this report.

Impact of Recommendation

- 4.3 N/A

5. Legal and Governance

- 5.1 N/A

6. Directions

N/A

7. Communication

- 7.1 NHS Tayside Communications Team have assisted with the communications and responded to media enquiries in relation to the application.

2. BACKGROUND PAPERS/REFERENCES

N/A

3. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Report to NHS Tayside Board 1 June 2023 – Future Provision of General Medical Services for Invergowrie Medical Practice.