

## TAYSIDE AND CENTRAL SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP

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## A TRANSPORT AND ACCESS STRATEGY FOR NHS TAYSIDE

## REPORT BY SENIOR STRATEGY OFFICER

This report asks the Partnership to note emerging work with NHS Tayside on developing a Transport and Access Strategy for NHS Tayside.

## 1 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 That the Partnership notes the emerging work on supporting NHS Tayside develop a Transport and Access Strategy.

## 2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 NHS Tayside is undertaking the [Transforming Tayside](#) programme, a significant redesign of its acute services to support safe, affordable and sustainable services. The focus of this work is on adult acute care across three hospital sites: Ninewells Hospital, Perth Royal Infirmary and Stracathro Hospital.
- 2.2 Tactran officers have offered to support NHS Tayside in the development of a NHS Tayside Transport and Access Strategy which considers the travel and access implications of the Transforming Tayside programme. The proposed work involves supporting NHS Tayside:
- Undertake a Transport Appraisal which identifies the problems and opportunities, and assesses the feasibility and costs of interventions
  - Prepare a Sustainable Transport and Access Strategy which sets out the strategy and an action plan

## 3 DISCUSSION

- 3.1 **Scope:** The strategy will consider the transport and access issues facing patients, carers, visitors and staff accessing the principal sites of Ninewells, Kings Cross, Perth Royal Infirmary and Stracathro. The work will not consider:

- those who meet the criteria for Scottish Ambulance Service (SAS) patient transport services (PTS)
  - those who are conveyed to a hospital using emergency ambulance services
  - operational vehicles serving NHS Tayside sites
- 3.2 The Strategy will not cover the Public Health Service responsibilities of NHS Tayside. Tactran officers have separately offered to support the review of the NHS Tayside Public Health Strategy when such a review is commenced.
- 3.3 **Identification of problems and opportunities with patients and staff:** NHS Tayside already have a lot of feedback from patients and staff on the issues they face in accessing the main hospital sites, as well as information Tactran has commissioned (e.g. Liftshare scoping; accessibility modelling; audit of public transport services serving hospital sites). The transport appraisal will collate this existing evidence and gather any other available evidence that will inform the transport and access landscape for patients and staff. The exercise will then confirm whether these are the issues faced by patients and staff with representative groups as part of the Transforming Tayside communications programme.
- 3.4 **Governance and responsibilities:** A NHS Tayside Transport and Access Working Group has been established to guide the project. This group is chaired by the Assistant Chief Executive of NHS Tayside and reports into the Transforming Tayside governance structure (specifically the Clinical Design Authority group). Transport Consultants will be employed to undertake the Transport Appraisal. NHS Staff will prepare the Transport and Access Strategy. Tactran, will provide technical support to NHS Tayside through-out the exercise.
- 3.5 **Timescales:** Whilst timescales are yet to be confirmed, it is anticipated that:
- The transport appraisal will be completed by summer 2020 and
  - The transport and access strategy will be completed by the end of 2020
- 3.6 **The Climate Emergency and Air Quality:** The Scottish Government have declared a climate emergency in response to the impact of carbon emissions on climate change. In response, NHS Scotland propose to launch in March 2020 a Climate Change and Sustainability Strategy.
- 3.7 In response to air quality levels exceeding nationally adopted thresholds, Dundee City and Perth and Kinross Councils both declared their respective city areas as air quality management areas and subsequently adopted air quality management plans. Dundee City Council are currently working with Transport Scotland a low emission zone in the City.
- 3.8 It is important that the NHS Tayside Transport and Access strategy pays regard to supporting both of these policy directives.

3.9 **Informing the Transport Appraisal:** At an appropriate stage in the process it is proposed that a discussion of the problems, issues and opportunities be held at future Partnership meeting to help inform the Transport Appraisal stage of the work. To inform this discussion, members may wish to consider:

- Public transport access to hospitals (see pages 50-52 of the [RTS Monitoring Report](#) for % of population who can access hospitals by public transport within 60minutes)
- Those groups that have difficulty accessing health services and the issues they face (physical or hidden disabilities; travel costs; range of travel options etc.)
- Existing complementary initiatives

#### **4 CONSULTATIONS**

4.1 This report has been prepared in consultation with the local authority officers.

#### **5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 There are no resource implications arising directly from this report.

#### **6 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 This report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Equality Impact Assessment and no major issues have been identified.

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#### **NOTE**

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

NHS Tayside, [Transforming Tayside](#) Board Papers.

