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EXTRACT FROM BOARD MINUTES

9 August, 2011

361/2011 Cancer Services - Bowel Cancer Screening – Project Progress

The Board noted a paper, dated 18 July, 2011, from the Director of Public Health, regarding progress with the implementation of a pilot bowel cancer screening programme from Friday 7 October, 2011.

The paper highlighted the following points:

- that the last meeting of the Bowel Cancer Screening Project Board had been held on Tuesday 12 July, 2011;
- that the Project Initiation Document was currently being finalised and was due to be approved by the Project Board on Wednesday 17 August, 2011;
- that the post of bowel cancer screening nurse had been advertised and four candidates had been short listed for interview for the administrative post;
- that work had commenced on the preparation of patient information and a communication strategy for the pilot programme.

The Board noted that the final Project Initiation Document would be submitted to the Board in due course. SB

4 October, 2011

426/2011 Quartet Decisions

The Board noted and ratified the following decisions of Quartet.

27 September, 2011

iii) Noted that the MSG was charging the HSSD £1,300 per session for medical staff to undertake the screening procedure for the duration of the pilot bowel cancer screening programme. Noted that this amount was not unreasonable.

It was also noted that it would be less costly to contract with a UK provider for this service and that this would be explored further should the States approve the SSP service development bid.

18 October, 2011

445/2011 States of Guernsey Strategic Plan - 2011 Submission - Update

The Board noted that all service development bids proposed by the Policy Council as part of the 2011 States Strategic Plan process had been accepted by the States, including the following HSSD developments:

- Review the funding and organisational options for Guernsey Health and Social Care Services (£235,000);
- Bowel Cancer screening in Guernsey (£328,000);
- Family and Friends Care arrangements (£206,000);
- Provision of an adult learning disability short break (respite) service (£211,000).

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It was also noted that business cases for HSSD bids would be prepared and submitted to the Treasury and Resources Department as soon as possible.

446/2011 Cancer Services - Bowel Cancer Screening – Pilot Project

In answer to a question from Deputy Hadley, the Chief Officer said that the pilot bowel cancer screening project had commenced on Friday 7 October, 2011 and that the initial response rate had been high from those invited to attend for screening.

6 December, 2011

512/2011 Cancer Services - Bowel Cancer Screening - Highlight Report - November, 2011

The Board noted a joint paper (HSSD 2011/12/07) from the Lead Nurse for Cancer and Palliative Care Services and the Director of Public Health, regarding key actions arising from the Bowel Cancer Screening Project Board meeting held on Thursday 10 November, 2011. It was also noted that uptake had been high from members of the public who had been invited to take part in the pilot bowel cancer screening programme.

The paper highlighted the following preliminary figures, as at 25 November, 2011, regarding the pilot screening programme:

- that there had been 258 eligible patients (born between 1 January, 1952 and 31 May, 1952, of which 29 declined any screening and 24 declined the pilot but would like to be recalled at a future date;
- that 205 patients had taken up the offer of screening, which

was 79% of eligible patients;

- that 162 patients (of the 205) had been seen by the pre-screening nurse, of which 159 had been booked for screening. Of the 159, 3 patients cancelled the screening at short notice or did not attend and chose not to rearrange;
- that, up to 25 November, 2011, 136 tests had been performed, of which 116 (85%) were normal. In the remaining 20 patients, polyps were found (15 low risk, 3 high risk needing colonoscopy, 2 are awaiting histology). Of the 3 needing colonoscopies performed, 2 patients had bowel cancer and results were awaited on the third.

The Board noted that the Minister had been concerned that the bowel cancer screening programme would not commence until April, 2012. However, it was confirmed that the full bowel cancer screening programme would commence from January, 2012.

The Director of Public Health said that, following approval of the 'Bowel Cancer Screening in Guernsey' service development bid as part of the 2011 States Strategic Plan process, the business case was being drafted for submission to the Treasury and Resources Department.

Following discussion, it was agreed that arrangements be made for a post implementation review of the project to be held at a later date. SB

20 January, 2012

11/2012 States of Guernsey Strategic Plan - 2011 Submission - Bowel Cancer Screening in Guernsey - Business Case

The Board considered a draft business case (HSSD 2012 - 010) from Director of Public Health which had been updated in preparation for submission to the Treasury and Resources Department for the release of £294,000 in funding for 2012 and on-going funding of £327,500 per annum from 2013. This followed approval of the HSSD's 'Bowel Cancer Screening in Guernsey' service development bid at the October, 2011 States meeting as part of the 2011 States Strategic Plan process.

The Director of Public Health tabled a document providing the provisional results / data from the pilot bowel cancer screening programme for the period from Thursday 6 October, 2011 to Friday 16 December, 2011. This would be used to finalise the draft business case.

The provisional results / data highlighted the following points:

- that 252 patients had been invited to take part in the

screening programme, of which 210 (83%) had accepted and 42 (17%) had declined;

- that 182 patients (of the 210) had been screened, of which 156 had received a 'normal' result and 26 patients had polyps (20 low risk and 6 high risk);
- that the 6 patients with high risk polyps had been referred for colonoscopy and 1 patient had been detected with cancer.

The Director of Public Health said that it would still be possible for the 42 patients who had declined screening to be included at a later date.

In answer to comments about savings being made in the cost of future treatments due to screening initiatives, the Chief Officer said that the Department had commenced some economic modelling work with the King's Fund and the Chief Economist, Andy Sloan, from the Policy Council's Policy and Research Unit, which would allow the Department to consider the future demographics of the island and that this would help inform the updating of the HSSD's 2020 vision framework. He added that people were generally living longer but that it was important that they also had quality of life and are healthy.

The Board agreed to approve the draft business case for submission to the Treasury and Resources Department, subject to the inclusion of the latest data available from the pilot bowel cancer screening programme. SB

16 February, 2012

75/2012 Cancer Services - Bowel Cancer Screening - Highlight Report - January, 2012

The Board noted a joint paper (HSSD 2012 - 032) from the Lead Nurse for Cancer and Palliative Care Services and the Director of Public Health, regarding key actions arising from the Bowel Cancer Screening Project Board meeting held on Monday 16 January, 2012.

The Director of Public Health said that the Board had previously received the provisional statistics from the pilot bowel cancer screening project and that, once all figures had been finalised, complete statistics would be submitted for information. SB

It was noted that a media release would be prepared once the pilot bowel cancer screening statistics had been finalised. SB / RE

The Director of Corporate Services said that the plans for the refurbishment of the Endoscopy Unit were currently being

finalised and that work should be undertaken following completion of work on De Sausmarez Ward.

In answer to a question from Deputy Hadley, the Director of Public Health confirmed that the requirements for an IT system to support the screening programme were being considered by the Assistant Director, Systems and Performance Improvement, and it was hoped that this would be in place by late 2012. He added that the business case for the bowel cancer screening project had been submitted to the Treasury and Resources Department.

26 April, 2012

168/2012 States of Guernsey Strategic Plan - 2011 Submission - Business Case

The Board noted a letter (HSSD 2012 - 096) from the Treasury and Resources Minister advising that, at its meeting held on Tuesday 13 March, 2012, the Treasury and Resources Department had considered the business case entitled 'Bowel Cancer Screening in Guernsey' and had subsequently approved an increase in the HSSD's cash limit for 2012 of £294,000 to fund this initiative and a specific allowance being made within the recommended cash limit of £327,500 for 2013 and subsequent years.