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WESTERN ISLES HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP

PRIMARY CARE IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Report by Chief Officer

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To provide an update on the ongoing implementation of the primary care improvement plan.

COMPETENCE

2. There are no legal, revenue or HR implications associated with the paper, which is simply for noting.

SUMMARY

3. The Scottish Government and British Medical Association (BMA) have agreed a new GP Contract to support the ongoing development of primary care services in Scotland. The contract will refocus the GP role as expert medical generalists. This role builds on the core strengths and values of general practice – expertise in holistic, person-centred care – and involves a focus on complex care, as well as whole system quality improvement and leadership. The aim is to enable GPs to do the job they train to do and enable patients to have better care. The refocusing of the GP role will require some tasks currently carried out by GPs to be carried out by members of a wider primary care multi-disciplinary team.
4. Appendix 1 provides a more detailed update about where we are in the process and how we intend to move forward. It was submitted to Scottish Government as part of a national exercise. We framed areas that needed further investment.
5. It is also recognised that some of this work may stall while the Health and Social Care Partnership seeks to address challenges associated with the spread of Covid-19.

RECOMMENDATIONS

6. It is recommended that members of the IJB note the position outlined in this paper.

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