

# Report

Report to: **South Lanarkshire Council**  
Date of Meeting: **31 January 2024**  
Report by: **Chief Executive**

Subject: **Recommendation Referred by Executive Committee –  
Reduction in Number of Specialist Palliative Care Beds  
at Kilbryde Hospice**

## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ♦ provide an update on a matter considered by the Executive Committee at its meeting on 22 November 2023

## 2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Council is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the update following on from the Executive Committee of 22 November 2023 in relation to Kilbryde Hospice be noted.

## 3. Recommendation Referred by the Executive Committee – Item of Urgent Business – Reduction in Number of Specialist Palliative Care Beds at Kilbryde Hospice, East Kilbride – Extract of Minute

3.1. In terms of Standing Order 4(c) of the Council's Standing Orders on Procedures, the Chair decided that consideration be given to the following item of business as a matter of urgency.

Councillor Fagan referred to an item of urgent business which had been tabled, requesting that the Committee, on a cross party basis, refer the terms of a motion in relation to the Reduction in the Number of Specialist Palliative Care Beds at Kilbryde Hospice, East Kilbride, to the next meeting of the Council:-

- ♦ seeking reassurance from NHS Lanarkshire officials that the full complement of Specialist Palliative Care Beds at Kilbryde Hospice be reinstated at the earliest opportunity
- ♦ urging that senior officers of NHS Lanarkshire work with Kilbryde Hospice to secure a sustainable model of care and skill mix based on learning from other parts of the country
- ♦ requesting agreement to write to Jenni Minto, the Scottish Government Minister for Public Health and Women's Health, requesting that hospices receive fair and competent funding to enable them to continue to provide highly valued exceptional specialist palliative care for those who required it across our communities. This included highlighting the national shortage of palliative care consultant staff available to support the operation of hospices throughout the country

Following discussion and members having stressed the urgent need to address the current situation in respect of Kilbryde Hospice, it was proposed that:-

- ♦ the Chief Executive write to the Minister for Public Health and Women's Health and the Chair and Chief Executive of NHS Lanarkshire respectively highlighting the concerns detailed in the terms of the motion circulated to members
- ♦ NHS colleagues be asked to arrange a briefing session for members in relation to the issues raised in respect of Kilbryde Hospice and that consideration be given to inviting the Chief Executive of Kilbryde Hospice to attend the session
- ♦ the matter be considered at the next full Council meeting

**The Committee decided:**

- (1) that the Chief Executive write to the Minister for Public Health and Women's Health and the Chair and Chief Executive of NHS Lanarkshire respectively highlighting the concerns detailed in the terms of the motion circulated to members;
- (2) that NHS colleagues be asked to arrange a briefing session for members in relation to the issues raised in respect of Kilbryde Hospice and that consideration be given to inviting the Chief Executive of Kilbryde Hospice to attend the session; and

**The Committee recommended** that the matter be considered at its next meeting.  
**to the Council:**

*Councillor Logan, having declared an interest in this item, left the meeting prior to its consideration*

**4. Progress Update**

- 4.1. As instructed by the Executive Committee, the Chief Executive wrote to the parties concerned on 22 November 2023. A response was received on 22 December 2023 from the Minister for Public Health and Women's Health advising that, as the temporary reduction in beds was for clinical and operational reasons, it was a matter for local governance and decision-making. As such, the Minister had convened a round table for Health and Social Care Partnerships and hospices on 5 December 2023 to discuss how the Scottish Government could support local governance and partnerships in the context of Integration Joint Board planning and commissioning of independent hospice care. She advised that the 2023/2024 Scottish Government Budget underlined its ongoing commitment to prioritise investment in health and social care, providing additional funding of over £1billion and taking the health and social care budget to over £19billion. She further advised that the request from the Scottish Hospice Leadership Group and Hospice UK for remedial funding to address their estimated deficits currently remains unaffordable.
- 4.2. A members' briefing session, led by NHS Lanarkshire, on End of Life Care and Support was held on Friday 19 January 2024.

**5. Employee Implications**

- 5.1. None.

**6. Financial Implications**

- 6.1. None.

**7. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications**

- 7.1. There are no implications for climate change, sustainability or the environment in terms of the information contained in this report.

**8. Other Implications**

- 8.1. None.

**9. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements**

- 9.1. There is no requirement to carry out an Equality Impact Assessment or consultation in terms of the proposals contained in this report.

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**Chief Executive**

17 January 2024

**Link(s) to Council Values/Priorities/Outcomes**

- ◆ Accountable, effective, efficient and transparent

**Previous References**

- ◆ Executive Committee of 22 November 2023

**List of Background Papers**

- ◆ None

**Contact for Further Information**

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