

Report

Report to:	Social Work Resources Committee
Date of Meeting:	28 November 2018
Report by:	Director, Health and Social Care

Subject:	South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnership - Major Incident Preparedness and Resilience
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ advise the Committee that South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnership is currently reviewing its Service Resilience, including business continuity, and preparedness for major incidents in the context of work being progressed by NHS Lanarkshire and nationally by the Scottish Government

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the content of the report be noted; and
- (2) that the completed and planned actions to review Service Resilience and Major Incident Preparedness be noted.

3. Background

3.1. There have been a number of high profile major incidents with mass casualties and mass fatalities in the UK and abroad over the last three years which have highlighted the importance of organisational emergency Preparedness and Resilience. These include the Manchester and London terrorist attacks and the Grenfell Tower fire in 2017. The other two major business continuity challenges during 2017/2018 which affected NHS Lanarkshire (NHSL) included the cyber-attack and the severe winter weather during February.

3.2. Scottish Government (Health and Social Care Directorates) and the Scottish Trauma Network are currently leading work to develop a national plan for NHS Boards and Health and Social Care Partnerships (HSCP) on responding to major incidents with mass casualties (MI-MC) in Scotland. South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnership (SLHSCP) represents the HSCP chief officers group on the national MI-MC group. The new national plan is predicated on NHS Scotland responding as a single entity in a coordinated and integrated manner with HSCPs. The specific role for SLHSCP during a MI-MC, like the other HSCPs, will be focused on enabling discharges from hospital to create capacity if necessary, rehabilitation, ensuring access to bereavement and psychological support, and repatriation of casualties.

Further information on the work of the national group is outlined in the Scottish Trauma Network Major Incidents with Mass Casualties Bulletins Numbers 1 to 4, which are available on request.

- 3.3. At local level, SLHSCP is working closely with corporate bodies, NHSL and South Lanarkshire Council (SLC) resilience leads to ensure an appropriate level of preparedness for a range of adverse events, including winter planning and pandemic flu.

4. Actions

- 4.1. There has been a review of all SLHSCP business continuity plans by locality managers, overseen by Resilience Managers from NHSL and SLC.
- 4.2. NHSL is reviewing its major incident and MI-MC preparedness which includes the health services in all SLHSCP localities.
- 4.3. A joint training session was held on 14 September 2018 with South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Managers to review the setting up of rest and treatment centres (for the so-called 'walking wounded' or casualties with non-serious injuries) across South Lanarkshire.
- 4.4. There are planned Resilience sessions for staff from both North and South Lanarkshire HSCPs, which are focused on winter planning. Two of these sessions were held on 26 October 2018 and a further two took place on 7 November 2018. These sessions have been planned and led by SLC Resilience Managers. They will be followed by local table top exercises in each locality during November 2018.
- 4.5. All business continuity and major incident locality plans will be reviewed late November 2018, to reflect any learning from the events.

5. Employee Implications

- 5.1. There are no employee implications associated with this report.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1. There are no financial implications associated with this report.

7. Other Implications

- 7.1. There are no additional risks associated with this report.
- 7.2. There are no sustainable development or risk issues associated with this report.

8. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 8.1. There are no equality issues associated with this report.
- 8.2. There is no consultation requirements associated with this report.

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Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives

- ◆ Protect Vulnerable Children, People Young and Adults
- ◆ Deliver better health and social care outcomes for all
- ◆ Work with Communities and partners to promote high quality thriving and sustainable communities

Previous References

- ◆ none

List of Background Papers

- ◆ The Scottish Trauma Network Major Incidents with Mass Casualties Bulletins Numbers 1 to 4.

Contact for Further Information

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