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Report Title	NHSG Review of Dispensing GP Practices
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1: Purpose of the Report

To inform the Integration Joint Board about an ongoing Grampian-wide review into dispensing GP Practices, including the consultation process and to highlight the actions required on the part of the IJB.

2: Summary of Key Information

2.1 The Current Review of General Practice Dispensing

Following the review of dispensing by the Haddo Medical Group (completed in 2015) the NHS Grampian Board accepted a recommendation to conduct a review of general practice dispensing. This is to assure NHS Grampian Board that where medical practices have been required to dispense, it is in line with existing regulations. Of the services being reviewed one, at Udney Station, is a branch practice with services provided from a Practice based in Aberdeen City.

2.2 Reports provided in the appendices

Several reports have been presented to the NHSG Board and are attached here for information:

1. **Appendix 1:** "Delivering Sustainable Primary Care Access to Dispensed Medicines in NHS Grampian" – 02.06.2016

This paper sets out the strategic context of the current review; details of the



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current review and risks; and indicative timescales for the work.

2. **Appendix 2:** “Delivering Sustainable Primary Care Access to Dispensed Medicines in NHS Grampian – Supplementary Paper (Consultation Proposal) – 28.06.2016

This paper provides further details of the consultation process and the review group methodology.

3. **Appendix 3:** “Communication and Involvement Plan”

This paper outlines the intended stages for communication and involvement including the planning and informing; the public consultation and the post public consultation period.

4. **Appendix 4:** “Information Sheet to all Stakeholders”.

Oversight for the delivery of the review will be provided by a Steering Group, chaired by the lead for Primary Care services (Head of Hosted Services, Moray Health and Social Care Partnership). This group involves a wide range of individuals and the Aberdeen City HSCP is represented by both the Clinical Lead and Acting Primary Care Development Manager. This group met on 05.08.2016 and established 2 further subgroups:

1. A ‘*Review Group*’ to undertake the review.
2. An ‘*Impact Assessment*’ Group to undertake a detailed assessment around the financial implications and potential risks to practice viability should dispensing status be removed.

A comprehensive communication and involvement plan has been drafted, to ensure that all stakeholders have the opportunity to express their views and that these can be considered by the review group, before any recommendations are developed.

The Aberdeen City H&SCP is also involved in the consultation process, working alongside NHSG and the Aberdeenshire H&SCP to proactively establish local community information/drop in/feedback events in the communities where dispensing is under review. The first of these events occurred on the 24th of



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August in Udhay Station Community Centre.

It had initially been intended that this decision would come to the IJB at its April meeting, but due to the nature of the agenda it was not possible.

3: Equalities, Financial, Workforce and Other Implications

3.1 Equalities

The review itself will have no impact on the protected equality characteristics.

It is anticipated that there may be challenge from community groups in relation to a perceived negative outcome from the review.

Other implications are as set out in the reports in Appendices 1 and 2.

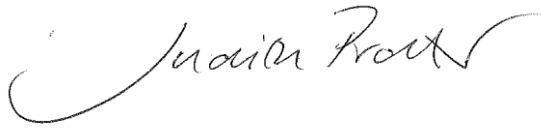

4: Recommendations

It is recommended that the Integration Joint Board:

1. Note the ongoing work on the review as outlined in the report.
2. Agree that the review group recommendations, implementation plan and written responses from principal interested parties will come to the IJB for discussion prior to final approval by NHS Grampian Board.



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5: Signatures	
	Judith Proctor (Chief Officer)
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