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**SUBJECT: Monklands Replacement Oversight Board
Formal scoring event, 10 March 2020
Proposed process to determine benefits criteria**

1. Introduction

NHS Lanarkshire (NHSL) has developed plans through the Monklands Replacement Project (MRP) to determine a preferred site option for the relocation of the new University Hospital Monklands (UHM). This process will be completed by April 2020 and will be undertaken in partnership with the Lanarkshire patient population.

A key feature of the process is an event at which the public, NHS Lanarkshire service providers and other stakeholders will score each of the shortlisted site options using a set of pre-agreed benefits criteria. The proposed methods for participant nomination and selection for the scoring event are set out in this paper to ensure that the individual elements and actions are clearly identified.

2. Scoring event

The formal scoring event will be held on 10 March 2020. The event will be attended by a representative cross-section of public representatives, clinical and operational staff, staff-side representatives and other stakeholders. Participants will be presented with a summary of the detailed information already issued for each site and will assess each shortlisted site option against the agreed benefits criteria. Scoring will be carried out by each participant and will be anonymous. This will be captured in an electronic format.

The event will be preceded by the issue of supporting information to all participants and pre-briefing sessions for participants. Participants will require to attend one pre-briefing session. This process will be facilitated an independent engagement organisation to ensure impartiality.

3. Public participation in development of scoring event benefits criteria

Four benefits criteria specific to the assessment of location were developed for the Monklands Replacement/Refurbishment Project option appraisal process in June 2018, and were used to score the three site options available at that time - Gartcosh, Glenmavis and the existing UHM site. It is envisaged that these four existing criteria (see table below) will be among those used in the upcoming scoring process.

It is proposed that the community will be invited, via media, social media, and offline methods such as leaflets/posters, to suggest potential benefits criteria additional to the four existing criteria.

The public will also have the opportunity to provide their rationale if they believe any of the four existing criteria should be not be used in the upcoming scoring event. Individuals will also be asked to rank each of the existing criteria and any additional criteria they wish to propose.

This process will run from 31 January 2020 until 14 February 2020, with public suggestions and comments to be made by email or Freepost. Respondents will require to include their contact details and postcode to eliminate opportunity for bias.

Existing benefits criteria				
	Title	Description	Key features	Weighting applied at option appraisal – June 2018
1	Getting in and out of the site by road	The extent to which the site location can be easily accessed by patients, staff and visitors by road	Proximity to strategic road network Proximity to local road network number of site access points	29 per cent
2	Journey times	The extent to which the site location is placed in relation to the catchment population of patients and staff	Within 20 minutes' drive time for 85% of the catchment population (specific Design Statement requirement) Proximity to centres of population (improvements in journey times) Proximity to current staff complement	27.6 per cent
3	Public transport infrastructure	The extent to which the site location is supported by public transport	Proximity to rail network Proximity to road network (bus routes and patient transport)	24.8 per cent
4	Ability to support centres of excellence and regional services	The extent to which the site can support centres of excellence (identified within Achieving Excellence) and regional services	Journey times to NHSL hospitals Journey times to Glasgow Royal Infirmary, Queen Elizabeth / RHC and Forth Valley	18.6 per cent
				100 per cent

3.1 Determination of benefits criteria and weighting

NHS Lanarkshire will collate and assess the public comments and suggestions re benefits criteria and weighting, reserving the right to exclude any that are not objective, that is, showing geographical bias. Taking into account the ranking suggested in each submission, NHS Lanarkshire will produce a finalised list of weighted benefits criteria.

3.3 Independent oversight of process

This proposed method to develop benefits criteria through public engagement has been agreed with the Consultation Institute, which is providing independent advice to NHS Lanarkshire on the MRP engagement process. The final selection of criteria will be reviewed in conjunction with the Consultation Institute prior to publication in advance of the scoring event.