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**SUBJECT: Strategic Academic Partnership Report 22-23**

**1.**

This paper is coming to the NHS Board

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The purpose of this paper is to provide NHS Lanarkshire Board with an update on the progress in developing effective strategic academic links between NHS Lanarkshire and Scottish Universities.

**2. ROUTE TO THE NHS BOARD**

This paper has been:

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by the Executive Medical Director. The information within this report is also shared with, and discussed by, the NHS Lanarkshire Strategic Partnerships Working Group and the established Joint Strategic Governance Boards with respective University Partners where there is a formal agreement supported by the Board of NHS Lanarkshire and the University Senates.

**3. SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES**

NHS Lanarkshire is committed to delivering world-leading, high-quality, innovative health and social care that is person-centred. Our ambition is to be a quality-driven organisation that cares about people (patients, their relatives and carers, and our staff) and is focused on achieving a healthier life for all. Through our commitment to a culture of quality we aim to deliver the highest quality health and care services for the people of Lanarkshire.

A key component of delivering high quality care is to be an outward looking organisation seeking to share best practice from elsewhere in healthcare and beyond and the ability to shape future practice by engaging with research and innovation through links with existing academic institutions supports this commitment. Closer links with academic institutions who train our healthcare professionals supports higher recruitment rates of graduates. Staff engagement in this work also supports recruitment and retention across the full range of the healthcare professionals working in NHS Lanarkshire.

The paper provides an update on the following areas covering the period July 22 – June December 23:

- ▶ A summary of ongoing partnership working
- ▶ Academic status awarded to individual departments
- ▶ Honorary Academic appointments to NHS Lanarkshire Healthcare Professionals

#### 4. STRATEGIC CONTEXT

This paper links to the following:

Corporate objectives	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AOP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Government policy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Government directive	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Statutory requirement	<input type="checkbox"/>	AHF/local policy	<input type="checkbox"/>
Urgent operational issue	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>		

#### 5. CONTRIBUTION TO QUALITY

This paper aligns to the following elements of safety and quality improvement:

*Three Quality Ambitions:*

Safe	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Effective	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Person Centred	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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*Six Quality Outcomes:*

Everyone has the best start in life and is able to live longer healthier lives; (Effective)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
People are able to live well at home or in the community; (Person Centred)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Everyone has a positive experience of healthcare; (Person Centred)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Staff feel supported and engaged; (Effective)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Healthcare is safe for every person, every time; (Safe)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Best use is made of available resources. (Effective)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

#### 6. MEASURES FOR IMPROVEMENT

We will measure the progress we make towards our aim of delivering the highest quality health and care services for the people of Lanarkshire against the strategic priorities identified in the Quality Strategy and the Measures of Success contained within the associated Quality Plans.

In addition, this work will also be assessed through the measurement of growth in academic status of departments, joint honorary appointments and associated research outputs.

#### 7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No financial implications are identified in this paper. The partnerships are supported by ‘in kind’ resources.

## 8. RISK ASSESSMENT/MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

The Joint Strategic Governance Boards with respective University Partners oversee the delivery of this work and associated appointments. NHS Lanarkshire Strategic Partnerships Working Group has established governance arrangements for oversight of honorary appointment status. The Working Group is chaired by the Executive Medical Director and comprised of the Professional Leads for all Healthcare Professional Groups and also includes the Chief Executive.

## 9. FIT WITH BEST VALUE CRITERIA

This paper aligns to the following best value criteria:

Vision and leadership	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Effective partnerships	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Governance and accountability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Use of resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Performance management	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Equality	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sustainability	<input type="checkbox"/>				

## 10. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY / FAIRER SCOTLAND DUTY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Has an E&D /FSD Impact Assessment has been completed?

Yes   
No

An E&D Impact Assessment has not been completed for this work.as it is covered by the overarching governance standards of all organisations within our partnership agreements.

## 11. CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT

This approach to strengthen academic links between NHS Lanarkshire and University Partners was initiated in 2014 as part of the Board's action plan following the Acute Services Rapid Review in 2013.

## 12. ACTIONS FOR THE NHS BOARD

The NHS Board are asked to:

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## 13. FURTHER INFORMATION

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