

NHS Lanarkshire, North Lanarkshire H&SCP, South Lanarkshire H&SCP Winter Plan 2018/19

1. INTRODUCTION

The plan has been prepared following discussion and agreement within the winter planning group as well as the NHS Corporate Management Team and the Senior Management Teams of North and South H&SCPs. It has also been shared with Lanarkshire Health Board and will be shared with the North and South Lanarkshire IJBs.

2. MAIN COMPONENTS OF THE PLANS OF THE H&SCP's AND ACUTE SERVICES

Primary Care/General Practice	
Provision of General Medical Services on the Public Holidays – Boxing Day and 2 January 2019 and also on Saturdays 5 th and 12 th January 2019.	£304k
Delivery of the flu vaccination programme to the population at risk, over 65s, and children and staff.	£3k
Out of Hours Services	
Additional OOH Capacity: Pharmacy, Drivers, Support staff in HUB, Clinical support worker, Nurse Practitioners, Car Hire, GP's and CPN Hours	£118k
Test of Change with GPs and A&E consultants working together	£200k
7 day Admissions Avoidance and Support for Early Discharge - Community	
Additional Occupational Therapists and Physios to assess at front door and provide 7 day service to support discharge	£384k
Additional community nurses/other staff to assist additional and weekend discharge support	£360k
Additional Social work resource to support weekend discharges, additional care packages and care home placements	£245k
Additional Dietetic staff	£42.3k
7 day Admissions Avoidance and Support for Early Discharge - Acute	
Additional Radiography support	£68.527k
Additional Laboratory Access – including POC flu testing	£68.450k
Additional staff in Monklands, Wishaw and Hairmyres	£2,194k
This will provide for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an additional 37 beds and 4 observation beds in UHM A&E • additional consultant staff for weekends across all 3 sites • additional nursing and other support staff to support weekend and pH working 	
Additional 4x4 Transport	£34k
Communications	£5k
Equipment Store – additional drivers to support weekend/PH service	£16k

3. IMPACT

All of the above measures are intended to mitigate against the potential impact of more activity coming into the hospital over the winter period and, in turn, supporting earlier assessment of patients, assisting where possible to avoid admissions and, thereafter, to support earlier discharge. To this end, an initial target to increase weekend discharges by 20% has been identified.

Where there is no option but to admit the patient, capacity has been created to accommodate a further 37 surge beds across the 3 hospitals (with scope to increase this by a further 12 if required) and 4 observation beds in the ED in University Hospital Monklands.