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To:
Chairs of CHP Committees and Forums

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Dear Chairs

Re: Scottish Government Proposal for “Acceleration of selected IRF Phase 2 projects”

For your information I am writing to advise that the Scottish Government (SG) Health and Social Care Integration Directorate contacted us on 18th July asking for nomination of one or more of our 4 IRF Phase 2 projects for acceleration towards integration of resources in 2011-12. The SG asked for a response from partnerships by 22nd July. I secured an extension to the deadline, to 29th July. The letter of 18th July is attached for your information.

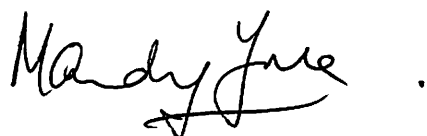
As the Phase 2 Projects rest with the CHPs, specifically being overseen by the CHP Forums, it would have been desirable to seek further information and discuss this proposal within the Forums. Unfortunately, the SG timescale did not allow for this. It was felt that, within the given timescale, discussion could be had at the Strategic Alliance meeting on 28th July. Following discussion at the meeting the Strategic Alliance agreed that the East Ayrshire project “Support to adults with complex and intensive needs” was at a suitably advanced stage to be proposed for potential acceleration during 2011-12.

The EA project is currently in the implementation phase, and, with support, it was felt that the implementation process might be accelerated over the next few months towards the end of the calendar year, with evaluation possibly between January and March 2012. We therefore confirmed to the SG on 29th July that the East Ayrshire IRF pilot area had been identified as potential for acceleration and that we sought support (and a description of what this might be) from the SG in considering taking this forward.

The SG was asked for more information around what might be proposed for “accelerated” pilots. They were also asked to feedback and liaise in the first instance with the EA IRF project leads, Eddie Fraser and Jim Crichton, who will keep the CHPs informed of progress.

I trust that this provides adequate information to the CHP Forum Chairs who are asked to note this position.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mandy Yule". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent flourish at the end of the name.

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Dr Allan Gunning
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18 July 2011

Dear Allan

Integrated Resource Framework

I am writing in response to your letter, dated 28 April 2011, which updated on progress implementing financial mechanisms and protocols, and in light of the recent publication of the IRF interim evaluation report which you should now have seen.

As you've discussed with the IRF team, national developments mean that the pace of progress has picked up considerably since May 2011 with respect to wider integration of services. We are mindful of ensuring that the views of stakeholders and all available evidence on integration are reflected in our ongoing development of policy.

Given the level of investment in IRF test sites over the last two years it is now imperative that evidence of implementing revised financial governance arrangements is made available within the next six months. As one of the IRF test sites, Ayrshire and Arran should play an important role in contributing substantive practical experience of integrated financial governance arrangements to this process. To help ensure that valuable lessons learned locally are understood in the national context, we are now proposing that each test site focuses on a specific development(s) to yield as much evidence as possible in the short term.

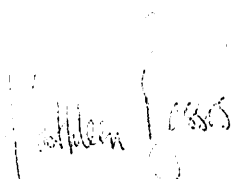
We would therefore ask you to propose one or two of your existing IRF pilots in which to accelerate your plans for integrating resources, along with a firm timescale within which you think this work could be usefully evaluated.

There will obviously be potential implications for the IRF evaluation, and existing timescales for the final reporting phase may need to be revised in order to ensure that key messages are gleaned from work in your chosen 'accelerated' pilot area. Once we have an indication of timescales from all the test sites, we will contact you again to advise of any changes in this regard. We anticipate that evaluation of the accelerated work will sit alongside the remaining work in your other pilot areas, which will continue to be evaluated as planned.

The Scottish Government will, of course, continue to provide any support that you require in order to enable solid progress to be made within these new agreed timescales.

Please send details of your proposed local pilot, including timescales, to Brian.Slater@Scotland.gsi.gov.uk by **Friday 22 July** at the latest. Once we have sight of your proposal we will be in touch to clarify our expectations for your chosen pilot area(s).

Yours sincerely



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