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## **SUBJECT: SPECIALIST CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

### **1. PURPOSE**

This paper reports to the Board on progress in the provision of hospital care for children and young people, with particular emphasis on the provision of specialist children's services.

### **2. CONTENT/SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES**

Specialist Children's Services, until recently provided exclusively by RHSC Yorkhill, are increasingly being provided more locally in Lanarkshire. The Scottish Government allocation under the National Development Plan for Specialist Children's Services is facilitating this process. The range of specialties involved in the developments is described. This continued shift in the balance of care is critical to the redevelopment of the Glasgow Children's Hospital. A range of different clinical models for providing specialist care between NHS Lanarkshire and Yorkhill are described. Hospital care of teenagers (aged 13 to 16) has traditionally been on adult wards. Progress to moving these young people to paediatric care is reported.

### **3. ACTIONS**

Continued progress on the shift in the balance of specialist children's services and expenditure under the National Development Plan will be monitored through the Child and Maternal Service Improvement Board.

### **4. CONCLUSIONS**

The NHS Board is asked to note progress in developing specialist children's hospital services in Lanarkshire.

### **5. FURTHER INFORMATION**

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