**Specialist Doctor in**

**Addiction Psychiatry**

Recruitment Pack

Application Closing Date: 27th May 2025

Medical and Dental Services

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To assist you with your application for the post of Specialist Doctor in Addiction Psychiatry for NHS Lanarkshire, this pack will provide useful information about the posts, about NHS Lanarkshire and about Lanarkshire more generally.

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Specialist Doctor in Addiction Psychiatry

**Salary Range £96,990 - £107,154 per annum**

We welcome applications from enthusiastic individuals keen to join our dedicated Addiction Psychiatry team in NHS Lanarkshire. This post is intended to provide the specialist clinical and professional skills of a Specialist Doctor in the area of Addiction Psychiatry. This post serves a progressive, forward-looking, and recovery-based addiction service across the Airdrie and Motherwell localities of Lanarkshire.

The post-holder would be primarily based at Coathill Hospital, Coatbridge with room and clinic space also available in Airdrie and Cumbernauld. The post-holder would be expected to work closely with multi-disciplinary community addiction team staff based in the Coatbridge, Airdrie and Cumbernauld localities (including nursing, social care, occupational therapy, psychology and medical officer staff), as well as the Substance Misuse Nursing Liaison teams at University Hospitals Wishaw, and Monklands.

The post-holder will be expected to provide in-patient review and treatment, for patients undertaking Alcohol detoxifications (occasionally in combination with polysubstance use), at University hospital Wishaw.

There would also be regular joint working with mental health services, local social work services, and the acute sector (for example, medical services and Accident and Emergency), as well as the third sector and local peer support services.

The job plan provides time for non-clinic based activities such as CPD, research, and clinical audit.

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Informal enquiries regarding this post will be welcomed by:

Dr Christopher Govender, Specialist in Addiction Psychiatry / Interim Clinical Director Addictions (01698 755 358)

Dr Adam Brodie, Associate Medical Director and Consultant Addiction Psychiatrist (01698 753 820).

For any application queries, please contact Praise Alo –

HR Assistant on 01698 754 351 Medical.dentalSAS@lanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk

Interviews are scheduled for: Date TBA

**Job Description**

1. **JOB PURPOSE**

This is a substantive post which will be offered as a full-time post on a 10 PA basis, with 2 EPA’s allocated for in-patient Alcohol Detoxification work. The administrative base for this area of service will be Coathill hospital, Coatbridge, with clinic space available at other sites. The post holder will have dedicated secretarial/admin support, increasing accordingly if taking on any additional commitment.

The clinic commitment is to provide (in conjunction with your fellow consultants and specialty doctors) a community-based service for Lanarkshire, providing a full range of interventions for the populations in the Coatbridge, Airdrie and Cumbernauld localities, in collaboration with the local Addiction Recovery Teams (including nursing, social care, occupational therapy, psychology and medical officer staff), as well as non-statutory commissioned services for community-based recovery work, as well as the thriving local Recovery Community in North Lanarkshire. The Lanarkshire area has a high level of deprived households, and the medical role will include assessment and treatment of mental health issues for people with substance use problems in service, work with problem alcohol use (including consideration for protective medications and inpatient detoxification from alcohol), assessing for alcohol related brain injury and related work, potential involvement in the pathway to addictions residential rehabilitative care, and working with those suffering from complex and challenging care issues.

You in-patient Alcohol detoxification role will include reviewing of ward patients undertaking in-patient Alcohol detox and University hospital Wishaw, good communication with the ward doctor regarding any changes to the treatment plan, liaising with the admitting Addiction Psychiatrist as to the Treatment plan for each patient, ensuring that the patient’s detoxification, mental health and care progresses well during their admission, reviewing results of investigations and treating as necessary, and commencing agreed Alcohol Protective Medication for a patient, as per Treatment plan, prior to discharge from hospital.

Currently, the service also has 2 consultant addiction psychiatrists in North Lanarkshire, a Specialist doctor in Addiction Psychiatry, with a further Speciality doctor due to start in August 2025. The precise details of the job plan will be finalised with the Associate Medical Director and the Clinical Director after appointment. The successful candidate will provide support to one consultant and the specialist doctor, where catchment areas are shared.

NHS Lanarkshire is supportive of applications from individuals with well-developed ideas for improving services who are able to demonstrate a commitment to quality improvement, patient safety (including human factors training), Medical Education and Research & Development.

The Board has a well-established, bespoke Medical Education and Training Centre with simulation facilities and is developing a faculty for Human Factors training. We have a strong commitment to Patient Safety and Quality Improvement.

Specialist Doctors are initially offered 1 PA for SPA duties for a full time post. Candidates wishing to work less than full time would be offered pro rata SPA, dependant on the number of sessions worked.

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| Number of PAs worked | SPA offer |
| 5 -10 PAs | 1 SPA |
| 3 - 4 PAs | 0.5 SPA |
| 1 – 2 PAs | 0.25 SPA |

1. **GENERAL PROVISION**

You will report to the Clinical Director, who will agree your job plan.

1. **HEALTH & SAFETY**

You are required to comply with NHS Lanarkshire Health and Safety Policies.

1. **MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE**

The supporting operational and clinical management structures are focused on enhancing patient safety, quality improvement and local delivery, with visibility of clinical leadership and support for individual professional accountability. Our Medical Managers will provide professional leadership to medical staff, ensuring that they are effectively developed, organised, integrated and managed to support the strategic aims of each Division and meet the needs of the patient.

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1. **RESOURCES**

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| The following department resources are available:- |
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| **Consultants** | **Special Interest** |
| Dr Adam Brodie | Addiction Psychiatry |
| Dr Neera Gajree | Addiction Psychiatry |
| Dr Ahmed Khan | Addiction Psychiatry |
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| **Specialist doctor**  | 1 |
| Dr Chris Govender | Addiction Psychiatry |
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| **Speciality Doctors** | 2 |
| Dr Nasir Ghori | Addiction Psychiatry |
| Full time post currently being shortlisted for interviews |
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| **Secretarial Support:** |  |
| WTE Secretaries | 1.3 |

1. **OFFICE SPACE**

All Medical Staff have access to shared office spaces with IT facilities. Dedicated departmental secretaries provide administrative and secretarial support.

1. **JUNIOR MEDICAL STAFF/MEDICAL STUDENTS**

You will be responsible for the training and supervision of Junior Medical staff who work with you, and you will be expected to devote time to this on a regular basis. In addition, you will be expected to ensure that staff have access to advice and counselling. If appropriate, you will be named in the contracts of Doctors in training grades as the person responsible for overseeing their training and as the initial source of advice to such Doctors on their career.

1. **WORK PROGRAMME**

As required under Section 4 of the Terms and Conditions of Service, the duties and responsibilities are supported by a job plan and work programme detailed as follows:

**Job Planning/Programmed Activities**

The job plan will be dependent on the successful candidate’s subspecialty training and interests. On taking up post a Job Plan will be agreed between the person appointed and the Clinical Director. This job plan is subject to review by the post holder and the Clinical Director as noted in the terms and conditions. The procedures set out in the ‘Terms & Conditions of Service’ must be followed if it is not possible to agree a job plan, either initially or at annual review.

The timetable is indicative and subject to negotiation with the Clinical Director. The core 10 PA working week will be based on 9 PA’s of Direct Clinical Care (DCC) duties and 1 PA of SPA time for a full-time post-holder. There are 2 EPA’s allocated for in-patient work for Alcohol Detoxifications.

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| **Days** | **Hours** | **Type of Work** | **Location** |
| Monday  | AM | Outpatient clinic | Coatbridge |
|  | PM | Outpatient work (home visits, care meetings, etc) | Airdrie/Coatbridge/Cumbernauld |
| Tuesday  | AM | Outpatient clinic  | Airdrie |
|  | PM | Outpatient clinic | Airdrie |
| Wednesday | AM | Outpatient clinic/work | Coatbridge |
|  | PM | Clinical Admin |  |
| Thursday | AM | In-patient Alcohol Detox RV | University hospital Wishaw |
|  | PM | SPA | Coatbridge |
| Friday  | AM | Outpatient clinic | Cumbernauld |
|  | PM | Clinical Admin |  |

The indicative weekly timetable included in the work programme shows an example of the working week, which will be subject to change and negotiation with the Clinical Director depending on service needs on commencement.

**Main Duties**

The post-holder would be expected to work closely with multi-disciplinary community addiction team staff based in Coatbridge, Airdrie and Cumbernauld (including nursing, social care, occupational therapy, psychology and medical officer staff), as well as the substance misuse nursing liaison team at University Hospitals Monklands and Wishaw. There would also be regular joint working with mental health services, local social work services, and the acute sector (for example, the Infectious Diseases service), as well as the third sector and peer support services. In-patient care is currently provided at the University Hospital Wishaw psychiatric unit, and the post-holder will be expected to be the clinical lead for Alcohol in-patient detoxifications.

Roles include:

* Assessment, investigation, treatment, and management of mental health and addictions problems, including risk assessment/reduction. Mental health care for addictions patients would be the post-holder’s primary role.
* Assessment for and management of “protective medications” for problem alcohol use, particularly disulfiram.
* Management of comorbid / complex / challenging cases, where medical oversight is required, for example due to the presence of suicidality, psychosis or high levels of risk secondary to physical health or adverse social issues.
* Assessment and management of cognitive impairment, such as in alcohol related brain damage/injury (Korsakoff’s syndrome).
* Linkage to inpatient services and assessing for / arranging in-patient hospital care if required; for example, if planned in-patient detoxification from alcohol is needed, or in-patient care of mental health issues.
* Be the clinical lead for patients undertaking in-patient alcohol detoxification with regular ward review and updating of treatment plan for patients admitted under Addiction Psychiatry.
* As a link to residential rehabilitation services, where this is felt to be appropriate following multi-disciplinary assessment.
* Where use of the Adults with Incapacity Act or Mental Health (Care and Treatment) Act may be considered.

As stated above, whilst there are some potentially fixed commitments in the job plan (as above), this is subject to negotiation and other clinical and non-clinical sessions will be subject to room availability (for example), but this can be discussed with the successful applicant to find a weekly timetable that suits for both the service and the successful applicant.

* Clinical care meetings.
* Discussing referrals, inpatient and outpatient, with colleagues.
* Discussing management/investigation of patients with colleagues in other appropriate clinical support services.
* Ward referrals, discussing patient management / reviewing patients with doctors in training, nursing, and social care staff.
* Speaking to GPs and other doctors, re outpatient results.
* Vetting urgent clinic referrals / allocating appointments.
* CPD and appraisal.
* Audit / service evaluation.

Clinical and managerial supervision will be provided by Specialist doctor and Interim Clinical Director Dr Chris Govender, and Consultant Psychiatrist, Dr Adam Brodie. The Specialist Doctor will be encouraged to participate in the local post-graduate teaching programme. The Specialist Doctor is expected to participate in audit/service evaluation. An interest in research will be supported. The post holder will participate in locality team meetings.

1. **AUDIT & RESEARCH**

The successful candidate will be expected to participate in audit processes and there is an active clinical audit department available to assist. NHS Lanarkshire is ambitious to build a portfolio of research projects backed by enthusiastic and dynamic individuals. It has an active Research and Development department and would welcome discussion regarding a potential research interest.

**10. CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Study leave is available within the terms and conditions of service with the approval of the Clinical Director. The appointee will be required to fulfill such demands for continuing professional development as the Royal College of Psychiatrists (or other relevant bodies) may make.

**11. HONORARY ACADEMIC STATUS**

If involved in undergraduate teaching, status can be applied for. Applications can be made via the Hospital Sub-dean and then to the appropriate academic department within the University.

**Specialist Doctor in Addiction Psychiatry**

**Person Specification**

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| **Demonstrated on Application** |
| Attributes  | **Essential**  | **Desirable** |
| Qualifications | MBChB or equivalent.Current full registration with GMC with a licence to practice. | Membership of the Royal College of Psychiatrists or equivalent qualification (in accordance with Royal College of Psychiatrists guidelines).Higher Degree or other Diploma. |
| Training | Completed a minimum of 10 years’ medical work (either continuous period or in aggregate) since obtaining a primary medical qualification of which a minimum of six years should have been in a relevant specialty Doctor and/or closed SAS grades. Equivalent years’ experience in a relevant specialty from other medical grades including from overseas will also be accepted. | Further specialist training in psychiatry and addiction psychiatry.Training at ST/SPR level in communication teaching or management.Experience within UK training establishments.Human Factors Training. |
| Experience | Recent and relevant clinical experience and competency with wide general experience in Addiction Psychiatry.Experience in both community and In-patient alcohol detoxifications including polysubstance use.Working as a clinical lead for the Addictions/Addiction Psychiatry MDT meetings and chairing MDT meetings. Recent and relevant experience and personal qualities to work in a busy unit dealing with the high turnover of planned and unscheduled admissions. Ability to supervise the clinical work of doctors in training and relevant staff in other disciplines. Confident with indirect supervision of varying grades of doctors in training.Previous experience in organising NHS Services or equivalent. | Additional time spent working in a specialist addiction psychiatry service would be useful. Experience of liaising with medical and other professionals.Administrative / Management experience.Section 22 approval under the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act would be expected, but can be applied for by the successful candidate. |

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| **Demonstrated on Application** |
| Attributes  | **Essential**  | **Desirable** |
| Audit/Research  | Understanding of the principles of medical audit.Evidence of contribution to audit at least at local level. Awareness of principles of research with an ability to critically analyse medical literature. | Experience and interest in Audit of the practice and experience of design of audit.Research within the practice.Involved in design of research relevant to the practice. |
| Publications | Presentations/Publications relevant to the practice. |  |
| Teaching  | Previous involvement in the delivery of undergraduate or postgraduate teaching. Experience of providing supervision and or mentorship | Interest in and commitment to teaching and training.Experience of providing problem-based teaching.Experience of organising teaching programmes.Formal training in educational/clinical supervision.  |
| Managerial  |  | Involvement in service re-design.Involvement in project delivery.Involvement in NHS-related meetings. |

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| **Demonstrated at Interview** |
| Attributes  | **Essential**  | **Desirable**  |
| Knowledge and Skills | Broad based knowledge and skills in diagnosis and clinical management within the Specialty and encompassing most sub-disciplines. A working understanding of the management of addictions and comorbid conditions. A basic knowledge of recent clinical guidelines. Established clinical skills. Excellent communication skills both verbal and written. Able to seek advice and support when required. Good patient management / interactional skills.   | Good IT Skills |
| Disposition | Ability to work with others and to take on appropriate tasks as needed, particularly focused on delivering quality patient care. Non-judgemental attitude. Ability to understand and show compassion to the complex needs of patients who come from a background of Deprivation and Complex Trauma, and the associated risks. Able to be understanding of and sensitive to the needs of patients.Excellent communication skills (verbal and written).Ability to work effectively in a multidisciplinary team.Responsive to change and innovation, promoting a culture for organisational development.A flexible approach to duties, which satisfies the needs of the Service in a changing environment.  | Problem solver/diplomat/counsellor.A natural leader. |
| **Demonstrated at Interview** |
| Attributes  | **Essential**  | **Desirable**  |
| Disposition | Ability to demonstrate reflective practice with evidence of regular appraisal with clear Personal Development Plan relating to Continuing Professional and Personal Development.Committed to Quality Patient Care.Good time management and organisation.Demonstrates commitment and enthusiasm to service delivery. |  |
| Managerial  | Knowledge of service provision at a local level. Awareness of the principles and core practices involved in service management, project management and effective meetings. |  |
| Leadership  | Awareness of the principles of team leadership and effective people management.Commitment to the Values of NHS Lanarkshire:- Fairness, Respect, Quality, Working Together. | Evidence of role as leader within groups. |
| Other | Fluent in medical English and evidence of ability to communicate in stressful situations. | Preference to work in a District General Hospital. |

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| **PERSON PROFILE** |
| **Demonstrated at Pre-Employment Check** |
| Attributes  | **Essential**  | **Useful**  |
| Other | Satisfactory medical clearance by NHS Lanarkshire Occupational Health Service. Satisfactory PVG Check. Current full driving licence and access to a vehicle (required for jobs where an immediate return to site or travel between sites is required)  |  |
| If there is any reason why a disabled person should not be considered suitable for this post, please provide details: | **Uncorrected visual or hearing defect would be incompatible with the nature of the work**. |
|  | **Prepared By:-** | **Approved By:-** |
| Name | Dr Chris Govender | Dr Adam Brodie |
| Designation | Interim Clinical Director | Associate Medical Director  |
| Date | May 2025 | May 2025 |

**Terms & Conditions**

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| **POST** | Specialist Doctor in Addiction Psychiatry  |
| **BASE** | Coathill Hospital  |

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| **FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE POST:** |
| **Job Description**  | A Job Description and Person Specification are included in the pack.This appointment is offered on the Terms and Conditions of the Specialist Contract (2022). Additional NHS Lanarkshire Policies which support the Contract are listed below and are available on request:* Non-Direct Clinical Care Activities
* Fee-Paying Work in the New Consultant Contract
* On-Call Availability and Payment of Supplement
* Generic Objectives
* Resident On-Call Duties
* Waiting List/Additional Sessions
* Job Plan Review
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| **Hours of Work** | The job is offered as a full-time post on a 10 PA basis (40 hours per week)  |
| **On-Call** | The successful candidate must be contactable throughout any on-call period. NHS Lanarkshire will provide the facility for this. |
| **Superannuation** | Our pension scheme is provided by Scottish Public Pensions Agency, and all benefits are explained on the SPPA website (http://www.sppa.gov.uk/). Here you can also access an annual statement showing how much service has built up in your pension. If you wish to opt out or have previous NHS Service, you should refer to the SPPA website for further information about any implications for your pension benefits.Superannuable pay will include basic salary (up to 10 programmed activities, but not any extra programmed activities about this level), on-call availability supplements, discretionary points, distinction awards, and any other pay or allowances agreed by the Scottish Government, to be superannuable. Superannuable pay will be subject to HMRC legislation |
| **Notice** | The employment is subject to 3 months’ notice on either side subject always to the appeal and other provisions of Schedule 2 of the Terms and Conditions of Service, Specialist Doctor in Scotland (2022). |
| **Medical Examination** | The successful candidate, if not already employed by the NHS Lanarkshire, will be required to complete a medical questionnaire to obtain medical clearance from the Occupational Health Physician. |
| **Protection of Vulnerable Groups Scotland** | The successful candidate will be required to complete a Disclosure Scotland PVG (Protecting Vulnerable Groups Scheme) form. An e mail link will be sent to the successful candidate for completion. No approach will be made without written permission of the successful applicant who will be asked to sign and complete a disclosure PVG application, giving authorisation for the check to be undertaken. If you are a non EEA National and are currently based out with the UK a Country of Origin check/criminal records certificate will also be required from each country in which you have resided continuously or cumulatively for 12 months or more in the last 10 years.  |
| **Grade and Salary** | **Specialist Doctor**NHS Lanarkshire does not negotiate salary placements. On commencement the salary will be in line with Schedule 10 of the Terms and Conditions of Service, Specialist Doctor in Scotland (2022). Appointees start on the scale minimum except in the circumstances of Schedule 2 paragraphs 6 – 9 of the terms and conditions of service.From 1st April 2024 the starting salary for the post is £96,990 per annum (based on 10 Programmed Activities per week). The successful candidate’s total salary will be dependent on his/her previous service history. Remuneration for any extra programmed activities will be dependent upon the job plan agreed at the time of appointment. |

**Selection Process**

The Job Description and Person Specification is designed to inform potential applicants on the essential and desirable experience and personal attributes which are sought in the appointment of

Assessment against this will feature throughout the recruitment and selection process for the appointment.

**Lanarkshire – The Place**

NHS Lanarkshire is the third largest health system in Scotland with around 12,500 staff and a baseline recurring budget of £1.4bn, serving a community of circa 655.000 people, through

* Three acute hospitals – University Hospital Hairmyres, University Hospital Monklands and University Hospital Wishaw
* Around 102 GP Practices with 367 wte GPs
* Spans two local authority areas – North Lanarkshire Council and South Lanarkshire Council with 2 Integration Joint Boards, North Lanarkshire IJB and South Lanarkshire IJB.

NHS Lanarkshire and North and South Lanarkshire Councils formed the North and South Lanarkshire Heath and Social Care Partnerships to develop a wide range of community facing health improvement, health and social care services with locality based planning and delivery.

The Partnerships include a range of community health and social care services, community hospitals (mainly for long term conditions and continuing care for older people), as well as a wide range of services for patients with mental health problems and learning disabilities. Services also include GP Practices providing many primary and community care services throughout Lanarkshire.

https://www.hscnorthlan.scot/

https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/slhscp/info/1/about\_us



**Our Vision**

**NHS Lanarkshire will:**

* Be an exemplar anchor institution in our own NHS care delivery work and in how we support and catalyse action with our local partners.
* Build upon the learning and collaboration that has been reinforced by the pandemic to ensure that we have a resilient healthcare system for the future.
* See addressing inequalities, promoting well-being and ensuring sustainability as core ways of working both in service delivery and in partnership working. We will continue to use the opportunity of remobilisation to redesign services to achieve a reduction in healthcare associated inequalities, promote well-being, ensure cost-effectiveness, and reduce unmet need rapidly across the system.

**Our Corporate Objectives**

The Board’s Corporate Objectives for 2024/25 were approved by the NHS Board in September 2024.

Please see link below:

https://www.nhslanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk/download/corporate-objectives/

**Our Values**

The NHS Lanarkshire values of Fairness, Respect, Working Together and Quality underpin our purpose, providing local focus and context for the improvement of our services and guiding our individual and team behaviours. NHS Lanarkshire’s values represent the care our patients can expect, and how this care should be delivered by our staff.

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| **Fairness**Ensuring clear and considerate decision making at all levels | As a team, we are responsible for being consistent and open in making decisionsAs an individual I am responsible for participating in decisions and seeking clarity whenever I am unsure |
| **Respect**Valuing every individual and their contribution | As a team, we are responsible for being courteous and professional in fulfilling our individual and collective rolesAs an individual, I am responsible for recognising that we are all different and appreciating the contribution that I and others make |
| **Quality**Setting and maintaining standards in everything we do | As a team, we are responsible for upholding our high standards in every activity, for every person, everywhereAs an individual, I am responsible for ensuring I understand and deliver our standards every time |
| **Working Together**Thinking, growing, delivering as a team | As a team, we are responsible for creating and sustaining an environment that allows team working and collaboration to flourishAs an individual, I am responsible for communicating effectively and working well with others at all times |

**Our Context**

**The Board**

Lanarkshire NHS Board (the Board) is a strategic body, accountable to the Scottish Government Health and Social Care Directorate and to Scottish Ministers for the functions and performance of NHS Lanarkshire. The Board consists of the Chair, Non-Executive Directors (who are publicly appointed by the Scottish Ministers), Stakeholder Non- Executive Directors including the Employee Director, Area Clinical Forum Chair, representatives of North and South Lanarkshire Councils and Executive Directors.

The NHS Board’s role is to improve the health and wellbeing of the people of Lanarkshire through robust, accountable and corporate governance systems. The Board’s role is to set strategic aims, hold the executives to account for the delivery of those aims, determine the level of risk the Board is willing to accept, influence the organisation’s culture and engage with stakeholders on the stewardship of public money and the priorities of the Board.

**Composition of the Board**

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| Non-Executive Directors | Executive Directors |
| Chair10 Non-Executive Lay Members (including 1 Whistleblowing Champion)Chair - Area Clinical ForumChair - Area Partnership Forum2 Local Authority Elected Members - 1 from North Lanarkshire Council and 1 from South Lanarkshire Council | Chief ExecutiveDirector of Public Health and Health PolicyDirector of FinanceMedical DirectorDirector for Nursing, Midwives and Allied Health Professionals  |

**Our Ambition**

The NHS Lanarkshire Board has recently agreed that our overall healthcare strategy will be guided by:

* The Healthcare Strategy- Our Health Together; Living our best lives in Lanarkshire
* Focusing on service recovery through the triple lens of addressing inequalities, maximising wellbeing and addressing the challenges of sustainability and climate change,
* Capitalising on the new and innovative ways of working, particularly in the use of digital technology, brought about in our response to COVID-19;
* Delivering the Outline Business Case for the replacement of University Hospital Monklands;
* Being a leading partner in contributing to improving the exacerbated socioeconomic and health inequality challenges faced by Lanarkshire since the pandemic;
* Enhancing the Board’s reputation through exploiting the opportunities that arise through our strategic partnerships with three University partners as a leading teaching Board; and
* Continuing to provide high quality sustainable services and financial prudence in line with our Local Delivery Plan, agreed with Scottish Government.

**Our Health Together: Living our best lives in Lanarkshire**

The Healthcare Strategy “Our Health Together; Living our best lives in Lanarkshire” is developing from our previous strategy “Achieving Excellence” and reflects the significant achievements made already, and takes account of the post COVID-19 world we are adapting to.

Progress is driven by a series of action plans which are coordinated by a Strategic Delivery Team and reported to the NHS Board and Planning, Performance & Resources Committee on a regular basis.

Our Health Together will address:

* **Finishing what we’ve started** – shifting the balance of care and maintaining acute services within the current bed base: one hospital, three sites. This was a key element of Achieving Excellence: success has been achieved, but more needs to be done.
* **Recovery and resilience following COVID-19** – recovery/remobilisation plan over 18 months or so and resilience planning. Meet agreed (new) clinical priorities (national and local).
* **Making A Wider Impact** – through a whole-Lanarkshire approach to tackling both existing and COVID-19 driven health and socioeconomic inequalities, the strategy will consider inequalities, wellbeing and the challenges of sustainability and climate change. A Partnership approach with other public bodies, and third and independent sectors.

Workstreams have been established to develop the strategic ambitions for the following service areas:

* **Primary Care Redesign** – Continuation of Primary Care Improvement, adoption of post-COVID-19 service model with emphasis on reduction in physical attendance.
* **Redesigning Urgent Care** – Post-COVID-19 primary and secondary urgent care service model short, medium and long term redesign. Taking national directions of travel but creating local solutions, particularly in the short term.
* **Mental Health (incl CAMHS & Dementia)-** Delivering on the agreed Mental Health & Wellbeing Strategy and delivering a new service model for CAHMS based on the outcomes from a deep-dive exercise.
* **Frailty, Older People & Care Homes**
* **Planned Acute Care** – General Surgery, Robotic Assisted Surgery, Trauma & Orthopaedics and National Treatment & Diagnostic Centre workstreams, with a focus on post-COVID-19 recovery (backlog) and developing a service model capable of meeting future demand within the COVID-19 environment.
* **Monklands Replacement Project** – Learning the lessons from COVID-19 across services and engineering and preparing a business case for the new hospital.
* **Long Term Conditions (LTC)–** Building on the work of the LTC hub.
* **Public Health System Development**
* **Realistic Medicine**
* **Rehabilitation**
* **Staff Health & Wellbeing**
* **Unscheduled Care**

**COVID-19**

COVID-19 has undoubtedly proved to be the biggest challenge to public health and the organisation of health services in a generation. Our focus has been in supporting staff and patients during these first two years of the pandemic, and we are now moving into the remobilisation and living with Covid19 phase.

The Board has in place a Service Remobilisation Oversight Group which is chaired by the Executive Director of Nursing and Executive Medical Director. This is a whole-system oversight group established to support the operating divisions in the “standing-up” of services and the preparation of the Annual Delivery Plan (ADP).

In the recovery phase, we are working closely with our planning partners across the whole of Lanarkshire, and engagement with our planning partners is key to delivering our ambitions.

The Chief Executive, working closely with the NHS Board, will drive this agenda, working with all stakeholders across the wider Lanarkshire community and at regional and national level.

In NHS Lanarkshire we have a demonstrable track record of excellent partnership working, through meaningful and mature staff and stakeholder engagement.

**Monklands Replacement Project**

The Monklands Replacement Project (MRP) is NHS Lanarkshire’s exciting and positive vision for University Hospital Monklands and the local and wider community it serves, proposing a major investment in Lanarkshire’s hospital estate by rebuilding the hospital on a new site. NHS Lanarkshire has now purchased the 161.5-acre site for the state-of-the-art facility at Wester Moffat, Airdrie

The existing Monklands Hospital is now more than forty years old and will struggle to adapt to the rapidly changing needs of the future healthcare environment and its associated infrastructure. This project will deliver a new acute hospital in circa 2028 to meet these challenges

The new, state-of-the-art University Hospital Monklands will support the required clinical model to meet the objectives set out in NHS Lanarkshire’s healthcare strategy, Our Health Together which has the ambition to: shift care away from inpatient treatment to day case, day treatment, outpatient and community care; develop pan-Lanarkshire hospital centres of excellence; and support the healthcare needs of the wider West of Scotland

The key investment objectives for the MRP that were set out in the Initial Agreement and remain central to the project are to:

* Improve person-centred services
* Improve the safety of patient care
* Improve clinical effectiveness and enhancing patient experience and clinical outcomes
* Improve the quality of the physical environment
* Provide flexible and adaptable facilities across the healthcare system

The new hospital will have over 470 beds within a new acute hospital extending over approximately 100,000m2. The clinical requirements are based on a requirement for 100% single rooms and include a range of departments necessary for a major acute hospital such as theatres, emergency department, endoscopy, infectious diseases, critical care, outpatients, renal, radiotherapy, and imaging. At a cost in the 100’s of millions of pounds, the new Monklands hospital will be the largest infrastructure project in Scotland when under construction. As part of this, NHS Lanarkshire are required to work with a number of external Parties to provide assurance, including the newly formed NHS Scotland Assure.

**Net Zero Carbon Pathfinder Project**

The Energy Efficient Scotland Routemap requires public sector buildings to be zero carbon by 2050 and the Scottish Government has also called a Climate Emergency, committing to become a net zero carbon economy by 2045. The Net Zero Carbon Public Sector Buildings (NZCPSB) standard (“the Standard”) is a new voluntary standard which has been developed by Scottish Government to support the Public Sector in setting ambitious targets to achieve net zero outcomes for new buildings and major refurbishments.

The Standard supports a challenging, credible path to net zero carbon materials and energy supplies for all non-domestic buildings. By 2045, projects that adopt the Standard will achieve zero embodied carbon during construction and subsequently the whole life of projects, including operational energy. The Monklands Replacement Project has been selected as a pathfinder project for the new standard which has resulted in the requirement for an all-electric hospital. This demands innovative solutions and a substantial energy centre to accommodate all of the required technology.

**Scotland’s First Digital Hospital**

The construction of a new Monklands Hospital has also created the opportunity and ambition for the new Monklands University Hospital to be Scotland’s first digital hospital, directly benefitting its local community of patients, staff and visitors. Technology will be used to allow patients to access care advice and to navigate their way through the hospital easily and intuitively. The new hospital will ensure safer, better patient care and value for staff and for patients through the use of digital technology and real time information to support an efficient and effective patient journey. The hospital will have new digital systems to support patients and their clinical teams.

For further information, please visit to www.monklands.scot.nhs.uk

**Health Inequalities**

The Board is committed to addressing health inequalities throughout Lanarkshire and, working with our Community Planning Partners, there will be a renewed focus on improving the exacerbated socioeconomic and health inequality challenges faced by Lanarkshire since the pandemic.

The Board has adopted a ‘place based approach’ to regenerate what will be the vacant Monklands Hospital site, and the work we are taking forward with Strathclyde University and Professor Sir Harry Burns will form part of our wider triple lens strategic approach to tacking health inequalities in Lanarkshire.

**University Strategic Partnerships**

NHS Lanarkshire has entered into strategic partnerships with

* Glasgow Caledonian University in 2017
* the University of the West of Scotland in 2018; and
* most recently with Strathclyde University in 2019.

This resulted in the Board gaining University status from Glasgow Caledonian University and the University of the West of Scotland. Discussions are at an advanced stage for Strathclyde University to also award the NHS Board with University Status in late 2020.

**Useful Websites**

NHS Lanarkshire – https://www.nhslanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk/

Scotland’s Health on the Web (SHOW) – www.show.scot.nhs.uk

North Lanarkshire Council Website - www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk

South Lanarkshire Council Website - www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk

NHS Lanarkshire Finance –

https://www.nhslanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk/download/annual-report-and-accounts-for-year-ending-march-2019/

Link to the Interim Corporate Objectives 2002/22 (cover paper and template) https://www.nhslanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk/download/2022-march-30-board-papers/?ind=1648622978910&filename=2022-March-30-Board-13a.-Interim-Corporate-Objectives-Cover-Paper-30-March-2022-ver-18.03.22.pdf&wpdmdl=37902&refresh=628754be1902d1653036222

https://www.nhslanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk/download/2022-march-30-board-papers/?ind=1648622977160&filename=2022-March-30-Board-13b.-Interim-Corporate-Objectives-2022-23-Annex-1-Ver-22.03.22.pdf&wpdmdl=37902&refresh=628754be190b41653036222

Link to Strategy Map for Delivery of the Annual Operational Plan:

https://www.NHSLanarkshire Strategy Map for AOP 20-21

Link to Monklands Replacement Project

https://www.nhslanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk/get-involved/consult-engage/monklands-engagement/



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**Living in Lanarkshire**

***Living in the area***

Within the UK, Lanarkshire is situated in the heart of Scotland's central belt, the area offers an ideal combination of tranquil parks and market towns, with something for everyone.

Centrally located between Glasgow (c. 20 minutes) and Edinburgh (c. 40 minutes) you can easily commute or, should you wish to relocate, you can choose either a substantial Lanarkshire town or a more relaxed rural location and still have the attractions of two major cities on your doorstep. The county offers accessible links to major cities with easy access to major motorway/rail routes and international airports allowing you to travel across Scotland, the UK and beyond.

There are many attractions within Lanarkshire, including: -

* New Lanark World Heritage Site,
* Antonine Wall World Heritage Site,
* The Falls of Clyde,
* Summerlee - The Museum of Scottish Industrial Life,
* The National Museum of Rural Life,
* Strathclyde Country Park,
* Scottish Wildlife Reserves on the shores of the River Clyde,
* Various museums, galleries, castles, heritage centres,
* Numerous country parks.

## *Where Schools Are Located*

The majority of Glasgow's independent schools are located just outside the city centre. https://www.mytopschools.co.uk/private-schools-glasgow/

St Aloysius’ College https://www.staloysius.org/

Hutchisons’ Grammar School https://www.hutchesons.org/

Hamilton College - https://www.hamiltoncollege.co.uk/

**To find more information about living and working in Scotland please visit:**

www.visitlanarkshire.com

www.visitscotland.com/destinations-maps/glasgow-clyde-valley/

www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk

www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk

https://www.scotland.org/

https://www.talentscotland.com/

https://moverdb.com/moving-to-glasgow/