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Good Morning,

With reference to the current Aberdeen City & Shire SDP Main Issues Report Consultation. Please find attached NHS Grampians response paper.

Please do not hesitate to call should you require any further information.

Regards,

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Aberdeen City and Shire Strategic Development Plan Main Issues Report 2018

Representations to Aberdeen City and Shire Strategic Development Planning Authority

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1. Introduction

1.1. NHS Grampian welcomes the opportunity to submit representations on Aberdeen City and Shire Strategic Development Plan Main Issues Report 2018. NHS Grampian are, although generally supportive of the vision and objectives set out in the report, recognise that the detail around the proposals is still being developed and will be made clearer in due course.

2. Background

2.1. NHS Grampian is the fourth largest Health Board in Scotland, consisting of three Integrated Joint Boards (IJBs); Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire and Moray, and an acute sector, all supported by corporate services. The introduction of The Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 created the IJBs. The aim of the Act was to ensure that people 'receive the care they need at the right time and in the right place, focussing on a community base and preventative care'. Services are provided in a range of community settings; work places, homes, in one of the 86 GP Practices providing services from 104 locations or 16 community hospitals. Highly specialised care is delivered in the acute hospitals of Dr Grays in Elgin, Woodend in Aberdeen and Aberdeen Royal Infirmary. Royal Cornhill Hospital provides in-patient and community support for mental health services. For women and children, specialist services are provided at Aberdeen Maternity Hospital and the Sick Children's Hospital.

3. Vision

3.1. NHS Grampian are generally supportive of the updated vision as set out in the preferred option which identifies the areas as an excellent place to live and the areas high quality of life. NHS Grampian also

welcomes the recognition that to develop a high quality of life requires planning to work alongside high level strategies for education, health and community facilities as well as a regional transport strategy.

4. Spatial Strategy

- 4.1. NHS Grampian is broadly supportive of the existing spatial strategy and will continue to support the approach taken in that the existing spatial strategy is considered fit for purpose and should be carried forward into the new plan.
- 4.2. NHS Grampian is also supportive of the preferred option that the focus should be on the regeneration of existing brownfield sites through new and converted buildings within Aberdeen City as well as the regeneration of the towns of Banff, Macduff, Fraserburgh and Peterhead. It should be noted however that although we are supportive, the impact on existing healthcare facilities could result the need to relocate from their current locations. Many of the existing healthcare facilities which serve these areas have little or no scope to extend to accommodate the additional patients and would therefore be unable to cope with any significant increase in patient numbers.
- 4.3. NHS Grampian look forward to working with both local authorities to identify suitable sites within the town centres to ensure the infrastructure requirements are identified at an early stage. It is however noted that suitable sites should be located centrally to the community in which it serves, visible, accessible and be well served by public transport. NHS Grampian is keen to stress the importance of continued joint working in the creation of successful communities; sites and buildings of joint occupation should be considered wherever possible when serving housing communities.

5. Digital Infrastructure

- 5.1. NHS Grampian welcomes the recognition by the Strategic Development Planning Authority of the importance of digital infrastructure for businesses and households. High quality digital infrastructure is also vitally important for healthcare as it is likely to determine how services are provided in the future. NHS Grampian are already looking at different ways of working to mitigate the impact of the additional houses identified to meet housing supply targets by introducing technological solutions to improve efficiency where appropriate.

6. Housing

- 6.1. NHS Grampian acknowledges the proposed 20% generosity onto the baseline HNSA figure up to 2030 with a 0% generosity beyond with opportunities to review. Early discussions will be required between

NHS Grampian, both local authorities and other Key Agencies to discuss where the additional housing allocations would be proposed and to ensure that the infrastructure required is considered fully so as to mitigate the impact the additional patients will have whilst protecting services for existing patients as far as possible.

6.2. It is also noted that any proposal to increase housing supply targets must be realistic to provide some level of certainty that the additional housing numbers identified can be delivered. Ensuring this will hopefully enable NHS Grampian to plan out our investment proposals over the duration of the plan.

7. Conclusions

7.1. NHS Grampian is supportive of the growth strategy proposed within the plan and will continue to work with both local authorities and key agencies to identify infrastructure requirements. Many existing healthcare facilities are presently under pressure and will either require expansion, relocation or the provision of new facilities to mitigate the impact. This will require significant investment not only on infrastructure but to provide the additional workforce as a result of the additional patients.

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