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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership
Strategic Partnership

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Glasgow Health Determinants Research Collaboration (HDRC)

Purpose of Report:

To update the Community Planning Partnership on the successful award of National Institute for Health & Care Research (NIHR) funding to Glasgow City Council and partners to set up a Health Determinants Research Collaboration (HDRC) in Glasgow. And to outline next steps including governance arrangements.

Recommendations:

- Note the content of the report.
- Note the governance arrangements.

1 Introduction

1.1 Glasgow City Council, together with Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS and the University of Glasgow have been successfully awarded funding from the National Institute for Health & Care Research (NIHR) to set up a Health Determinants Research Collaboration (HDRC) in Glasgow.

1.2 The purpose of the HDRC is to develop capability and capacity within the Council to make better use of data and research in decision making on the wider determinants of health - such as employment, housing, education, and the physical environment.

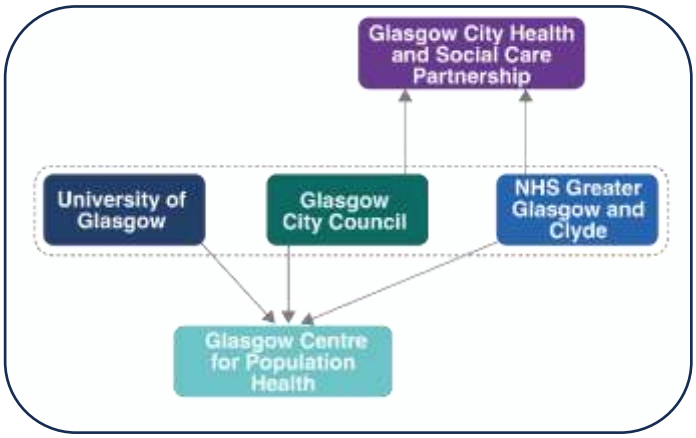
1.3 The overall award is £5.25m over 6 years starting from 1st January 2024.

1.4 The first years funding, approx. 250k, will focus on the project set up and onboarding of key partners and stakeholders to develop a shared vision and action plan for the remaining £5m over subsequent years.

2 Background

2.1 There are substantial health inequalities within Glasgow and it is widely accepted that the key to improving this situation lies in addressing the wider determinants of health and inequality. There is a longstanding commitment in Glasgow to act on these determinants and a recognition that integration of research, policy and implementation is key to effective action. The opportunity to catalyse greater integration enabled through a Glasgow Health Determinants Research Collaboration (GHDRC) is timely and welcome.

2.2 The GHDRC is a collaboration of three organisations, Glasgow City Council (GCC), University of Glasgow (UoG) and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Health Board (NHS GGC), and two existing partnerships: the Glasgow City Health & Social Care Partnership, linking the Council and Health Board, and the Glasgow Centre for Population Health, a partnership of all three organisations.



2.3 The GHDRC will engage with other stakeholders across Glasgow, the wider city region and Scotland, placing emphasis on the inclusion of the public and communities.

2.4 The GHDRC will add value by significantly increasing the capacity of the Council, to impact on place-related determinants where the Council has lead

responsibility and to use its convening power to drive change in favour of better and more equal health.

2.5 The GHDRC will build on a successful model of research-practice collaboration that has been used to create a Glasgow Child Poverty Pathfinder, funded by the Scottish Government.

2.6 Closer partnership working will foster culture change, combining the experience and expertise of researchers and practitioners to develop policies and implementation approaches that are well-evidenced and robust.

3 Development Year Plan

3.1 The key deliverables of the GHDRC in the initial Development Year (1 Jan – 31 Dec 2024) are:

3.1.1 establish the GHDRC, its management and governance and its profile and relationships in the council and collaborating organisations;

3.1.2 develop and pilot key elements of the Research-Policy Integration Model and

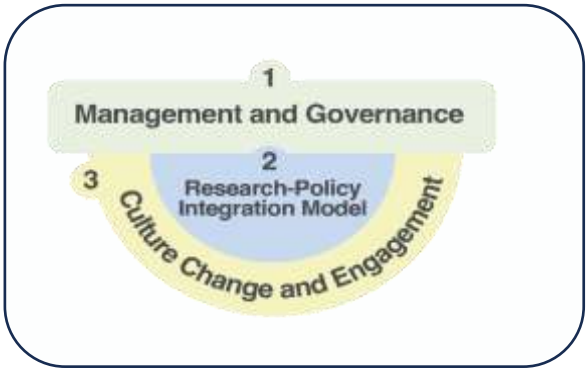
3.1.3 undertake substantial work to develop a shared understanding and vision for the GHDRC including stakeholder relationships and public partnership**.**

3.2 These will be delivered by three workstreams:

WS1: Governance and Management
Responsible for governance; management of programme and resources; reporting to NIHR.

WS2: Research-Policy Integration Model
Responsible for design of Research-Policy Integration Model and its application to projects; data discovery, linkage and curation.

WS3: Engagement and Culture Change
Responsible for stakeholder and system mapping, leadership dialogues; engagement and dissemination across Council and with partners, public and the community.



4 Governance and Management Structures

4.1 The GHDRC will report into the existing PHOG ensuring it is well embedded into the Council and key partners existing structures and processes, notably the Community Planning Partnership, since the PHOG itself reports to the Community Planning Strategic Partnership.

5 Recommendations

5.1 Note the content of the report.

5.2 Note the governance arrangements.