Safer Drug Consumption Facility Plans - Presentation noted.

6 The Partnership heard a presentation by Saket Priyadarshi, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership (GCHSCP), regarding the plans to establish a Safer Drug Consumption Facility (SDCF) in the city centre advising

(1) of the background, expected benefits and of the engagement with SDCF worldwide, that included Europe, Canada and Australia;

(2) that the SDCF would be a supervised and controlled healthcare setting that people could consume drugs, obtained elsewhere, in the presence of trained health professionals, in a clean and hygienic environment that would reduce the risk of overdose and infectious diseases, whilst support would be offered along with access to healthcare services;

(3) that the SDCF implementation plan had been agreed by the GCHSCP Integration Joint Board on 27th September 2023, of the Implementation Board and subgroups that had been established and of the engagement sessions that had commenced November 2023; and

(4) of the continued work and consultation with partners to develop a pilot SDCF, the model of operation, hours of operation, would open in 2024 and would be the first SDCF in the United Kingdom.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report;

(b) raised questions in relation to engagement work with SDCF worldwide and of the impact on local communities and businesses which was responded to by Saket Priyadarshi, advising of the engagement that had taken place with other managers of other sites that were comparable to Glasgow;

(c) raised further questions with regard to current data on HIV and if monitoring of the data had continued since 2020 which was responded to by Saket Priyadarshi, advising that the Needle Exchange Surveillance Initiative (NESI) would provide up to date figures;

(d) raised concerns to the inclusion of Milnbank Housing Association and wider community to be part of the consultation process which Gillian Ferguson responded to, who advised of the SDCF engagement session on the 6th December 2023 and that Milnbank Housing Association had been invited; and

(e) advised the Partnership if they had any further questions these could be emailed to GCHSCP_Communications@glasgow.gov.uk .