Safer Drug Consumption Facility Plans - Presentation noted.

3 The Partnership heard a presentation by Kelda Gaffney, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership (GCHSCP), regarding 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 health care 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, and which would provide support 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 sub-groups 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 and would be the first in the United Kingdom.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report;

(b) raised questions in relation to

(i) engagement work with Police Scotland, local communities and businesses, which was responded to by Kelda Gaffney, with Inspector Jonathon Watters reassuring the Partnership of the engagement work that had taken place and was still on-going with Police Scotland; and

(ii) whether people would walk the distance to Hunter Street to use the facility; and

(c) requested that a report be circulated when more information was available.