

Safer Drug Consumption Facility Plans - Presentation noted.

3 The Partnership heard a presentation by Lyn McDonald, 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, whilst providing 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, 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
 - (i) engagement work with police, local communities and businesses which was responded to by Lyn McDonald, advising of the engagement that had taken place and that was still on-going. Chief Inspector Nigel Thacker reassured the Partnership of the engagement work with Police Scotland;
 - (ii) whether there had been surveys carried out within the local area as to whether this service would be used and beneficial which was responded to by Lyn McDonald; and
 - (iii) the prosecution policy for individuals with possession of drugs outwith the facility, this was responded to by Lyn McDonald and Chief Inspector Nigel Thacker confirmed there would be no change to current procedures.