

Inverclyde Full Council Meeting – 23 February 2012

Emergency Motion – Community Midwife Unit, Inverclyde Royal Hospital

Introduction

Considering the report in today's Telegraph which indicates an imminent closure of the CMU Service at Inverclyde this motion is presented to Full Council.

Concern must be raised around the situation presented in today's Telegraph about the future of the Community Midwife Unit at Inverclyde Royal. This is a service which was subject to review as part of an agreed redesign by Greater Glasgow & Clyde Health Board in 2008. The Board assured the Council that the decision to maintain the CMU would be for a period of 3 years at which point a review would be conducted. It seems therefore inappropriate that the Board have apparently made a decision without further recourse to the Council.

Any reduction in service to vulnerable individuals within Inverclyde is taken very seriously and in particular this reflects on the provision of primary healthcare.

It is acknowledged that the information appears to have been issued on an informal basis and as such the Council would request that the Chief Executive write directly to the Cabinet Secretary and the Chief Executive of the Board requesting that clarification be provided in respect of the Board intentions.