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Elected Member Briefing – PCPIP – Primary care Phased Investment Programme

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Subject: PCPIP – Primary care Phased Investment Programme

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Purpose

This briefing note sets out what will be covered at the upcoming seminar on the Primary Care Phased Investment Programme (PCPIP) and why it matters for Shetland residents and services.

Background

The seminar will update elected members on delivery of PCPIP in Shetland, focusing on pharmacotherapy and Community Treatment and Assessment Centre (CTAC) services.

The programme is a Scottish Government investment to expand multidisciplinary primary care teams and release GP time for complex care. It is being tested locally as a demonstrator to inform future national decisions.

Primary care is operating under sustained pressure from workforce gaps, increasing demand, and variation in service access across practices. The programme aims to address these issues through service redesign and workforce development.

Key points

Programme context and need

- Pressure on general practice and primary care services.
- Workforce challenges and rising complexity.
- Variation in access to MDT services across Shetland.

What the programme is delivering locally

- Pharmacotherapy teams supporting prescribing, medication reviews, and medicines safety.
- CTAC services supporting treatment room activity and long-term condition care.

What has changed so far

- Expansion of multidisciplinary working.
- More people receiving medication review and long-term condition support.
- Early learning on workforce models and shared services.

Impact and learning

- Improvements in access to medication reviews and prescribing support.
- Better use of clinical skill-mix.
- Evidence being generated to shape future investment decisions.

Next steps

- Continued workforce recruitment and service testing.
- Evaluation of outcomes, costs, and patient experience.
- Contribution to national policy on primary care reform.

Overview

The seminar will:

- Explain the purpose and design of PCPIP locally.
- Present early results and system learning.
- Set out risks, opportunities, and future direction.
- Provide elected members with clarity on how this affects access, sustainability, and quality of care in Shetland.

This forms part of wider work to redesign primary care so it can meet current and future demand, improve outcomes, and maintain services in remote and rural communities.

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