



Glenurquhart Care Project
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Dear Members of Glenurquhart Care Project

Care at Home Contract NHS

You may be aware of some recent issues with the Care at Home contract between this organisation and the NHS and I would like to take this opportunity to update you on what has recently emerged.

Glenurquhart Care Project had two contracts with the NHS both of which expired on 31st March 2018. The contracts covered Daycare at the GCP Centre and Home Care Services. The contract to provide Daycare was renewed with effect from 1st April 2018 and the Board are confident that the services provided at the Care Centre will continue.

Unfortunately NHS Highlands have been unable to renew the contract for the provision of Home Care Services at a tariff that would allow GCP to provide the services without incurring a loss.

During the past year, the management and the Board of Directors have made the NHS management aware of the difficulty of providing Home Care Services within a rural setting at the rates applied by NHS in the Highlands. The understanding and expectation of the GCP Board was that NHS Highlands would propose a tariff that would allow GCP to continue to provide Homecare Services under a new contract commencing 1st April 2018. Unfortunately the remuneration proposed by NHS involved a reduction to the rate paid under the recently expired contract for the provision of Home Care Services.

Margaret Davidson at the request of the Board has been most helpful by facilitating discussions between GCP and NHS. Following these discussions, the NHS and GCP have agreed to extend the pre-existing contract for a short period to allow both parties to explore options to structure a contract that might allow GCP to provide Homecare Services without incurring a loss. During this period GCP will continue to provide Home Care Services to the extent of its operational capabilities. NHS Highland will arrange for the provision of any Home Care Services in our area that GCP cannot provide.

If you have any questions about this communication, can you direct them in the first instance to Paula Cooper, our General Manager.

Yours sincerely

Nigel Fraser, Convenor

On behalf of the GCP Board of Trustees

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