SHERRIFDOM OF GLASGOW AND STRATHKELVIN AT GLASGOW COURT REF: GLW-B830-21

RESPONSE

TO THE

DETERMINATION OF SHERIFF GERARD CONSIDINE UNDER THE INQUIRIES INTO FATAL ACCIDENTS AND SUDDEN DEATHS ETC. (SCOTLAND) ACT 2016

IN THE

INQUIRY INTO THE DEATH OF STEPHEN MASSON

To: the Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, being a person to whom recommendations under section 26(1)(b) was addressed, do respond as follows:

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde was a participant in the inquiry.

The recommendations were:

(1) A note of all ongoing prescriptions currently prescribed to a patient should be registered with the NHS regardless of the prescriber to allow healthcare professionals immediate access to details of a patient's medication

NHSGGC can advise that there is as yet no e-solution in place to allow this locally or nationally. Whilst work is ongoing regarding the development of Vision Anywhere to link patient data between Prison Healthcare and General Practice, this excludes information held by Police Custody Health Services. In the interim, there is national discussion taking place, involving the Scottish Government, about what further improvements can be made to Adastra, the current Police Custody system. Readonly access to Adastra following a systems upgrade is now possible, allowing for improved information sharing between Policy Custody and Prison Health care teams until a permanent cross-function e-solution can be delivered.

(2) A clear and robust system should be put in place to ensure that all prescription medication is provided without delay to a prisoner once confirmation is received and a system should be in place before the end of

each day where confirmation is awaited to confirm if a reply has been received to ensure that a prisoner is receiving the correct information.

NHSGGC is satisfied that a clear and robust system remains in place, noting that the delay in delivering medication was caused by very unusual and unfortunate circumstances which have not re-occurred since this incident.