



HIGHLIGHT REPORT

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Reporting Period:	From: 1 November 2009	To: 30 November 2009

Section 1 – Status Summary:

Progress continues to be maintained in relation to HTAP actions and includes:

Air Quality Management Action Plan

Following the significant update on the AQMAP in the October report, I can advise work continues on track with the next major update expected to be January / February 2010.

NHSG Pilot Scheme in Banff & Buchan

Due to two Opinion meters [electronic survey appliances] arriving at locus broken, there has been a delay in compiling results for the baseline survey.

This is now being progressed via one machine, with the results expected January 2010.

The follow up meeting which will include the providers of public transport in the area is being proposed for week commencing 25 January 2010, but this will be dependent on the results being available for discussion.

An action has subsequently been added to the log for the project manager to pursue this matter and ensure the deadline is met.

NHSG Transport Interchange

At the meeting held on 19 November 2009 with key stakeholders, including members of public transport provision, agreement was reached that the proposal had significant potential and support for further development agreed.

An action was passed to Don Kent of NESTRANS to identify if funding could be identified for a feasibility study, and once this had been progressed another meeting could be organised to discuss future development. This action was allocated in an action log agreed by the group which will be updated by group members and progress reported through the HTAP governance structure.

Shared Fleet Management Aberdeen City

As reported in the October Highlight Report the next meeting of the group will take place on 7 December 2009, and the outcome will be reported in the December report.

Links between Climate Change and the HTAP.

On 18 November 2009 the follow up meeting took place and clear links established to the HTAP. A number of actions were identified, and outcomes from the meeting were reported back to Alex Hill, Chief Advisor of the Meteorological Office to the Scottish Government.

A further offer of support was provided from the Meteorological Office, and the outline paper will be presented to the HTAP Board in January 2010 for consideration.

Community Path at Insch

NHSG and Aberdeenshire Council should be congratulated for their efforts in agreeing in principal to develop a proposed footpath and bridge through the grounds of NHSG at Insch. The bridge will link an isolated part of the community, currently segregated by a stream, with the local health centre and hospital; local primary school and village centre.

The benefits of the development will be:

- Improving access to health, as currently residents of the scheme have to travel two miles by car to their local health services. If this proposal is followed through residents could, if able, walk to their community health service in a matter of minutes and thus assist in reducing the volume of traffic currently in the car park.
- Primary school pupils who reside in the scheme could walk to and from school thus increasing their activity levels, and potentially reduce the numbers of cars currently being used for the "school run".
- Access by foot to the village centre would be more attractive to residents, and thus have a general impact on increasing levels of activity.
- Due to this request initially stemming from the community, NHSG and Aberdeenshire Council will be looked on favourably as working in partnership for the good of the community.
- All elements of the HTAP would be supported in one project and could be used as a "good practice" example to possibly help enable initiatives in other areas.

Virtual Visiting

At the NHSG Project Board of 24 November 2009, the suggestion to try "Virtual Visiting" was tabled. This could enable those with computer access to link in via web cam, or alternatively Skype via TV could be used, thus visiting options would be increased helping to support the HTAP's Access to Health theme.

The Board agreed in principal and asked that the Project Manager contacts James Ferguson [consultant] to further identify the potential.

This meeting is scheduled for 1 December 2009, and will be reported on in the December Highlight Report.

Section 2 – Comments on Variations:

None

Section 3 – Opportunities - Risks & Issues:

All risks are captured in the risk log, which is available to view on request.

Section 4 – Products Completed During the Period:

- Meeting with the Scottish Government Statistical Unit was positive and once KPIs are agreed locally, information can be provided from the national source.
- The meeting at NHSG Moray initially scheduled for 18 November 2009 was postponed due to an internal meeting within NHSG. This will now take place on 14 December 2009.
- Links between HTAP and the Climate Change Delivery Plan. The initial group met as agreed earlier and the outcome sent to the Alex Hill of the Meteorological Office. A further offer of support has been provided from Alex Hill and a note of the meeting [attached] will be presented to the HTAP Board on 11 January 2010 for discussion.
- The meeting to discuss the proposed Transport Interchange in the grounds of ARI. took place on 19 November 2009 as scheduled and the outcome is outlined above in section 1.
- At the NHSG Project Board of 24 November 2009, members provided valuable support for actions and issues that had to be addressed internally.
- The refreshed HTAP will be presented to the next HTAP Board for approval which is currently scheduled for 11 January 2010.
- Meeting with "Living Streets" at Edinburgh took place and support was offered from them to contribute towards HTAP aims. This could be beneficial for a number of projects and provide an independent review of current practices. In acting as consultants, a cost is levied for their services so this support may need to be limited to "difficult" proposals where an independent viewpoint may be required to identify a solution.

Section 5 – Products to be Completed During the Next Period:

- Meeting at NHSG Moray to take place on 14 December 2009 [postponed in November].
- Shared fleet proposal [Aberdeen City] on 7 December 2009.
- The first of the HTAP – local CHP meetings will take place on 15 December 2009 to outline HTAP aims and confirm active travel is being promoted within public health initiatives as per PAT 5. Meetings with the other areas' are scheduled for early 2010.
- Prepare documents for HTAP Board of 11 January 2010.

Section 6 – Project Outlook

As the HTAP looks towards 2010, significant progress on the delivery of the plan is expected, but will only be achievable with the support of the partnership.