**Scottish Public Health Network (ScotPHN)**

**PROJECT BRIEF (DRAFT)**

**National needs assessment of gender reassignment and support services**

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| Project: | National health care needs assessment of gender re-assignment and gender support services in Scotland |
| Scope: | The needs assessment will include all relevant service providers to ensure a robust understanding of existing and future service requirements.  It will build on local needs assessment undertaken by NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde to understand how services provided in the two main centres ie NHS GGC and NHS Lothian relate to services in the other NHS Boards. |
| Definition: | N/A |
| Timescale: | August 2017 - March 2018 |
| Aims: | * To clarify and set the context of this work. * To understand how the current gender re-assignment protocol is being adhered to and to understand what support services are important to users. * To identify the level of need and map current service provision. This will include all those providing services – the NHS, the third sector and community organisations. * To understand the service user experience and access to services. * To identify the inequalities resulting from current service provision. |
| Methods: | Health Care Needs Assessment of all service users. To include:   1. Mapping of policy, current work in area and stakeholders 2. Epidemiological assessment of current and future services 3. Comparative assessment of services in other countries eg specialist service in NHS England. 4. Corporate assessment of service providers and service users including secondary analysis of service user survey material. 5. Identify future direction of travel for services. |
| Outcome: | A clearer understanding of the national holistic service and how it relates to the needs of service users. |
| Output: | HCNA report |
| Stakeholders: | Third sector – Equality Network, Stonewall, LGBT Scotland, LGBT Youth  NHS Boards (including Scottish Directors of Public Health)  Special Boards  Service users |
| Patient focus and public involvement: | This needs assessment will include a strong focus on the needs of service users and will be undertaken in corroboration with third sector organisations (LGBT Scotland & Youth; Stonewall; Equality Network) |
| Policy Context: | * A Fairer, Healthier Scotland |
| Commissioner | * Scottish Directors of Public Health and third sector organisations |