

**Greater Glasgow NHS Board**

**Board Meeting**  
18 November 2003

Board Paper No 03/69

**Programme Director (Acute)**

**Acute Services Strategy Implementation Update**  
**ACAD Procurement – Next Steps**

**Recommendation:**

The NHS Board is asked to:

- 1 endorse the Performance Review Group's discussions on submitting to the Scottish Executive Health Department proposals to engage with a single bidder on the basis of the "Strategy for Proceeding with a Single Bidder"
- 2 seek from the Programme Director (Acute) an update on the progress on the ACAD procurement process

**Background:**

The Programme Director (Acute) and Director of Finance submitted a paper to the Performance Review Group at its meeting on 22 October 2003 reviewing the chronology of events in taking forward the single bidder process, since the discussion at the July NHS Board meeting (paper attached for information).

The Performance Review Group Minute of its 22 October 2003 meeting is attached later in the agenda for noting, however, attached is an extract from that Minute which covers the discussion on the ACAD procurement process. As can be seen from the Minute, Mr Cameron Revie, PricewaterhouseCooper, external auditors, attended the meeting and commented that the external auditors were content with the openness of the NHS Board's process and direction of travel. He had also emphasised the importance of the development of the public sector comparator to ensure value for money and to ensure the robustness of the calculations and assumptions. Attached is a copy of PricewaterhouseCooper's letter and appendix of 17 October 2003.

The NHS Board is asked to endorse the submission to the SEHD of the proposals to engage with a single bidder based on the "Strategy for Proceeding with a Single Bidder".

The Programme Director (Acute) will provide Members with an update on the progress made since the Performance Review Group meeting on 22 October 2003. It should be noted that the Final Invitation to Tender and Negotiate will be submitted to members in December for consideration and authority to proceed.