Appendix 1
The Govan SHIP Project
(Social & Health Integration Partnership)

The [Practice name here] participates in the Govan SHIP project.

What is it?

- The project is about looking at new ways of working and working together;
- It is about patient centred working and based on need, not age or other criteria;
- It is about improved communications between professionals;
- It is about working with patients to help them manage their own conditions, to avoid or delay hospital admission or to reduce their use of unscheduled care (for example, Hospital Accident & Emergency);
- It is about combining Social Care (for example, social work or home care) with Health Care (District Nursing, GPs, Practice Nurses);
- It is about finding support from other people / other organisations instead of Health or Social Work.

How?

- Your practice GPs now meet along with aligned social workers, practice nurses, health visitors, district nurses and rehabilitation team representatives on a monthly basis to form a multi-disciplinary team.
- Patients thought to be in need of additional support and care or who are at risk of harm are discussed at these meetings with each professional sharing relevant and proportionate information with the aim of better managing care.

HOW WE USE INFORMATION

Medical confidentiality is the cornerstone of trust between doctor and patient and we keep your records secure and confidential. For your direct care we may share relevant clinical information to another professional staff currently or likely to be involved in your care to ensure continuity.

Only where there is a legal basis for the sharing of data will we provide limited and relevant information to the other member(s) of the multi-disciplinary team.
We may use your information to report on how the project is progressing, but this will not identify you in any way. However, we will ask you for your permission if we wish to use your information in a way that might identify you.

If you wish more information about this project please ask to speak to:

[Practice Manager], Telephone: [0141 123 4567]

[This text not on final poster but arrangement is that practice manager can contact project manager to meet with said patient should they require more information or continue to object to participating]

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