

Management Committee

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Agenda Item: 6a



Integration of Health & Social Care

1.0 Purpose

Argyll and Bute Council and NHS Highland are actively planning for the implementation of new arrangements to meet statutory duties and responsibilities that will shape the future delivery of Health and Social Care in Argyll and Bute as outlined within the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014. This legislation places a duty on Local Authorities and NHS Boards to develop defined arrangements for the integration of Health and Social Care services in their area.

This report provides an update on a previous report submitted on 19th August 2014 to CPP Management Committee.

2.0 Recommendations

CPP Management Committee is asked to note the following issues;

- The Interviews for the post of Chief Officer are took place on 7th and 8th of October 2014. An appointment is imminent.
- 470 staff attended information sessions across Argyll and Bute to find out more about our plans to create a new Health and Social Care Partnership in Argyll and Bute. Sessions were delivered in Cowal, Bute, Helensburgh, Mid Argyll, Kintyre, Oban, Coll, Islay, Tiree and Mull. The feedback from the staff in relation to the sessions was positive. Further sessions are planned for staff in December 2014.
- Engagement and Involvement sessions are currently being finalised in partnership with the Scottish Health Council to have local conversations with small groups of people in localities who have an interest in health and social care during November and December. Sessions are also being planned with staff involved in re-shaping care for older people during the same period to larger audiences across localities.
- A new joint staff partnership forum involving management and Trade Union reps from both NHS and Council is now established. This forum will provide an appropriate setting to discuss issues relating to integration during 2014/15.

- A national Integration Scheme has been devised by Government and Partnerships across Scotland are advised to use the draft Scheme to ensure compliance with the requirements of the Regulations. The Scheme needs to be submitted to Scottish Government by Mid-February 2014.
- The Shadow Integration Board met for the first time on 10th September to oversee the recruitment of the Chief Officer post and start to ensure the work of the Programme Board and joint project team produces the outputs required to set up the new partnership arrangements.
- The Shadow Integration Board will not have any legal powers until the 1st April 2015 which is in line with the regulations and guidance associated with the Act. Councillor Dougie Philand was appointed Chair and Robin Creelman was appointed Vic-Chair of the Shadow Integration Board on the 10th September 2014.
- It has been agreed by the Shadow Board that the four current administrative areas of Cowal and Bute, Helensburgh and Lomond, Mid-Argyll and Kintyre and Oban Lorn and the Isles are the designated Localities in terms of the requirements of the legislation.

3.0 Background

The Integration Programme Board have been meeting regularly to oversee the work of a joint project team charged with taking forward the preparatory work to deliver the new Health and Social Care Partnership. The project team are currently working on 11 work streams covering specific areas which include HR, Finance, Performance, Quality, Operations, OD, Property, Commissioning, IT, Communication and Support Services.

4.0 Detail

The scope of services to be delegated to the new Health and Social Care Partnership was endorsed by the Council and NHS Highland at their respective meetings in June 2014.

The move towards the creation of the new Health and Social Care Partnership is making good progress as work continues on the submission of our draft Integration Scheme to the Scottish Government by Mid-February 2015. Once approved the Integration Scheme will describe the strategic and operational framework within the body corporate delivery model which meets the statutory requirements of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014. The Shadow Board will then be granted the power to form the new Integration Joint Board which will have the legal powers to oversee the strategic and operational duties and responsibilities of the new Health and Social Care Partnership.

5.0 Conclusions

Argyll and Bute Council and NHS Highland are working towards the implementation of a new Health and Social Care Partnership which will deliver improved outcomes and more integrated services for people across Argyll and Bute by the 1st April 2015.

The Partnership needs to meet new duties and responsibilities as detailed in the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 Regulations and Guidance. The new Health and Care Partnership will develop its links with the CPP and build effective joint working arrangements which ensure delivery of improved outcomes for people across Argyll and Bute.

6.0 Implications

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| Strategic Implications | SHORT TERM OUTCOME 5.5 We have accessible high quality services which improve quality of life and wellbeing. |
| Consultations | A full programme of staff and community engagement is being finalised to meet statutory requirements of the legislation. |
| Resources | The budget for the new Health and Social care partnership is currently being assessed and agreed. It is expected to be in excess of over £200million. |
| Prevention | Yes. The growing older population and on-going health inequalities can only be tackled by the integration of budgets to agree on strategic and operational priorities during the next 20/30 years. |
| Equalities | This will ensure access to a range of health and social care support is available to people living in Argyll and Bute. |

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