
Integration of Health and Social Care

Summary

The integration of health and social care, required by the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014. The Health and Social Care Partnership becomes fully operational from April 1st 2016.

The report aims to update the Area Community Planning Group on the final steps toward the Health and Social Care Partnership going live.

This report provides the last progress update to the Area Community Planning Group as the Integration Joint Board is now the accountable body.

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide the Area Community Planning Group with a progress report on the actions undertaken to establish the Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care partnership (HSCP) from the 1st April 2016.

2. Recommendations

The Area Community Planning Group is asked to note the content of the report.

3. Background

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consultation process.

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The Strategic plan was presented to the IJB for its approval and agreement on the 23rd March. The plan was approved. This followed a two -step process:

- The IJB agreed to adopt and implement the Strategic Plan
- The IJB considered and agreed the proposed budgetary allocation from Argyll and Bute Council and NHS Highland

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- Production of an annual performance report
- Continuation of the single outcome agreement through the Community Planning Partnership
- Quarterly briefing paper to council Performance, Review and Scrutiny (PRS) committee

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4. Detail

The Strategic Plan describes how Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership will make changes and improvements in the way it delivers health and social care over the next three years.

The Strategic plan essentially details:

- Where – do we want to be in 3 years time
- How – what changes to be made and how we intend to do them
- When- how we will know we have achieved this, targets and measures

The Strategic plan explains what services the IJB is responsible for, what the IJB priorities are, why and how we decided them. It shows how the IJB intends to make a difference by working closely with

partners in and beyond Argyll and Bute.

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The Strategic Plan 2016 – 2019 can be found at www.healthytogetherargyllandbute.org.uk/

5. Conclusions

The integration of health and social care is required by the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 and prescribed by the

associated regulations and guidance. It is a transformational change, requiring a significant cultural shift.

The IJB Health and Social Care Partnership assumed responsibility for all delegated functions on April 1st 2016.

This is a significant area of policy development for both the Council and NHS Highland as it is a legislative requirement which both partners will need to comply with fully.

6.0 SOA Outcomes

SOA Outcome 4
SOA Outcome 5

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