

Integration Joint Board

Date of Meeting: 25 March 2020

Title of Report: Review of the Health and Social Care Integration Scheme

Presented by: Douglas Hendry, IJB Standards Officer

The Integration Joint Board is asked to:

- Note the outcome of the 6 week consultation process;
- Note that reports will be tabled at the NHS Highland Board on 31st March 2020 and the Council on 16th April 2020 to seek approval of the revised Scheme of Integration;
- Note that further to agreement the revised Scheme of Integration will be jointly submitted by the Chief Executives of the two parent bodies to the Scottish Government by end April 2020 for their consideration and that a further update report will be provided to the IJB thereafter.

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 Following on from the previous report to the IJB on 27 November 2019, this report provides a further update on progress with regard to the review of the Integration Scheme.
- 1.2 NHS Highland Board and the full Council, at their meetings held on 26th and 28th November 2019 respectively, approved revisions made to the Health and Social Care Integration Scheme following a review process and agreed that Officers should proceed with arrangements for a 6 week joint consultation exercise, running from 9th December 2019 to 17 January 2020. During this period a total of 45 responses were received.
- 1.3 A review of all the consultation responses has been undertaken by the Working Group that was set up to up to initiate the 5 year review process, at their meeting held on 28 January 2020. Having taken account of all feedback received, a number of further revisions are proposed to the Scheme. A summary of these is provided at section 3 of this report.

2. INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 The legal requirement to complete a review of an Integration Scheme is set out in Section 44 of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 (the Act). The Scheme must be reviewed each subsequent period of 5 years beginning with the day on which the Scheme was approved, in the case of Argyll and Bute, 27 June 2015. On this basis the review of the Scheme in Argyll and Bute is

required by law to be completed by 27 June 2020. The statutory responsibility to review the Scheme sits with the Board of NHS Highland and Argyll and Bute Council.

2.2 Following a joint review process, the Council and NHS Highland approved the revised Integration Scheme at their respective meetings held at end November 2019 and agreed that, in accordance with Section 46(4) of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014, the Council and the Health Board should undertake a joint consultation on the revised Scheme.

3. DETAIL OF REPORT

3.1 Arrangements for the joint consultation, which ran from 9th December 2019 until 17th January 2020, were put in place, including:-

- Email/postal correspondence issued to all prescribed stakeholders and any others deemed appropriate (870+ targeted)
- Use of Council 'Keep in the Loop' service to promote the consultation to customers who have advised they would like to be engaged in consultation activity (3890+ targeted)
- Details of the consultation uploaded to Council and NHS Highland Websites
- Posts on social media
- Press release issued
- Hard copies placed in Council Customer Service Points and issued upon request

3.2 A total of 45 responses were received. Of these 19 can be evaluated as positive, with respondents expressing agreement with the revisions/content of the Integration Scheme or that they are happy with integrated services in general. Conversely, 18 responses are negative in nature, however the vast majority of these do not comment directly on the content of Integration Scheme. Most of the respondents leaving negative comments have used the consultation process as an opportunity to criticise local services/raise other matters. The remainder of the comments can be classed as neutral, with respondents either providing narrative on suggested changes or leaving feedback such as "no comment" or "don't have any yet".

3.3 Respondents leaving feedback via the website (84%) were asked to provide their contact details in order that we could contact them at a later date, if required, in respect of the consultation. They were also asked to advise of their locality. A summary of the responses broken down by area is provided below, taking account of the details provided via the website and as part of email responses (16%) to the dedicated inbox set up for the consultation:-

MAKI	14
OLI	10
B&C	10
H&L	8
A&B wide	1
Unknown	2
Total	45

3.4 Following closure of the consultation period on 17 January 2020 the Working Group, which was established to initiate the 5 year review process, was re-convened on 28 January 2020 to undertake a review of all the consultation responses. The Working Group comprises a range of Senior Officers from both parent bodies, as well as the HSCP. Having considered all feedback received as part of the consultation, the Working Group are recommending a number of revisions to the content of the Scheme, in addition to those previously agreed by the Council and NHS Highland Board in November 2019. These are summarised below:-

- Inclusion of a contents table
- Paragraph 8.7.7 (page 31) - Change “health owned property” to “NHS Highland owned property” to provide clarification
- Change “Argyll and Bute Integration Joint Board” to “IJB” throughout the document (with exception of first occurrence) and include within the Definitions and Interpretation section of the scheme (p6)
- Change “and” to “&” throughout document in respect of Children and Families
- Re-ordering of sentences and minor grammatical corrections at paragraphs 4.4.5, 5.3, 8.2.19, 8.2.21, 8.4.2, 8.7.2, and 13.6.
- Paragraph 9.1 - removal of Argyll and Bute Public Partnerships (currently suspended) and the addition of Locality Planning Groups, and Health and Wellbeing Networks

3.5 The IJB are invited to note the outcome of the consultation exercise and to note that reports will be tabled at the upcoming NHS Highland Board and full Council meetings scheduled in March and April 2020 respectively, to obtain approval on the revised Scheme of Integration. If agreeable, both parent bodies will then arrange for the revised scheme to be jointly submitted to Scottish Ministers by end April 2020 for their consideration.

4 RELEVANT DATA AND INDICATORS

4.1 The legal requirement to undertake a quinquennial review of the Integration Scheme is set out in section 44(5) of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014.

5 CONTRIBUTION TO STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

5.1 The Scheme and Standing Orders provide the key governance documents for the IJB that support the delivery of the work of the Health and Social Care Partnership.

6 GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Financial Impact

No impact arising from this report.

6.2.1 Staff Governance

No impact arising from this report.

6.2.2 Clinical Governance

No impact arising from this report.

7 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

No impact arising from this report.

8 GENERAL DATA PROTECTION PRINCIPLES COMPLIANCE

Activity is undertaken in line with GDPR regulations.

9 RISK ASSESSMENT

If the review of the Integration is not completed within the designated timescales, there is the risk of non-compliance with statutory measures under the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014.

10 PUBLIC & USER INVOLVEMENT & ENGAGEMENT

10.1 In line with the previous consultation undertaken when the initial Integration Scheme was introduced, the latest engagement exercise concluded on 17 January 2020 and a summary of the outcome is detailed at section 3 above.

11 CONCLUSIONS

11.1 The 6 week consultation on the revised Integration Scheme has now closed and a total of 45 responses were received. A review of all the feedback was undertaken by the Working Group at their meeting held on 28 January 2020, which has resulted in a number of further proposed changes to the Integration Scheme. The full Council and NHS Highland Board will be invited to approve the revised scheme at their upcoming meetings.

12 DIRECTIONS

Directions required to Council, NHS Board or both.	Directions to:	tick
	No Directions required	x
	Argyll & Bute Council	
	NHS Highland Health Board	
	Argyll & Bute Council and NHS Highland Health Board	

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