

Integration Joint Board

Date of Meeting: 31 March 2021

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 that the Integration Scheme has been approved by the Scottish Government and that arrangements will now be put in place by the two parent bodies to publish the document.

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 The NHS Highland Board and the Council, at their meetings held on 24th and 26th November 2020 respectively, approved revisions made to the Health and Social Care Integration Scheme following review and feedback from the Scottish Government (SG).
- 1.2 The revised Scheme was subsequently submitted to the SG for final approval. This report advises that the SG confirmed via email on 23rd March 2021 that the revised Scheme has now been signed off by the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport and that arrangements will now be put in place by the two parent bodies to publish the document. A copy of the approved scheme is attached at appendix 1.

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. The statutory responsibility to review the Scheme sits with the Board of NHS Highland and Argyll and Bute Council.

3. DETAIL OF REPORT

- 3.1 Following a joint consultation exercise, which ran from 9th December 2019 to 17 January 2020, a number of revisions were made to the Scheme to take account of the feedback received and approved by NHS Highland Board and the Business Continuity Committee at their respective meetings in March and April 2020.

- 3.2 Thereafter, the SG undertook a review of the revised Argyll and Bute Integration Scheme and provided both verbal and written feedback on 7th and 28th October 2020. The Scheme was further updated to take account of the SG comments, and agreed by the NHS Highland Board and the Council, at their meetings held on 24th and 26th November 2020 respectively.
- 3.3 The SG confirmed via email on 23rd March 2021 that the revised Scheme has now been signed off by the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport. In line with section 8 of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014, the two parent bodies will now put in place arrangements to publish the approved Scheme. The legislation is not prescriptive in regard to the specific methods that should be adopted in this regard. It is proposed that both parent bodies, and the HSCP, arrange for the document to be published on their respective websites and promoted via Social Media.

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

Risk of non-compliance with statutory measures under the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014.

10 PUBLIC & USER INVOLVEMENT & ENGAGEMENT

n/a for this report. Previous report tabled at IJB on 25 March 2020 detailed outcome of public/user consultation exercise which ran from 9th December 2019 until 17th January 2020.

10 CONCLUSIONS

- 10.1 Following a period of consultation and review by the SG, the Argyll and Bute Integration Scheme has been approved by the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport and will now be published in accordance with the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014.

11 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	

12 APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Approved Scheme of Integration as at March 2021

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