

INTEGRATION HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 An initial report relating to Integration was presented to full Council on 20th March and to NHS Highland Board on 1st April 2014. The report made a number of key recommendations in relation to the preferred model of integration and set out additional recommendations in relation to the creation of a shadow integration board, appointment of a Chief Officer and requesting the identification of 4 Elected Members to sit on Shadow Integration Board in line with the requirements of the legislation.
- 1.2 There have been two Council Elected Members seminars and NHS Board development sessions in relation to integration to date. These seminars and development days provided background information in relation to the integration agenda by setting national issues within a local context, providing information on progress to date.
- 1.3 The Council has confirmed Adult Services and Children and Families Social Work Services will be delegated to the new partnership arrangements.
- 1.4 NHS Highland has confirmed all NHS Services in Argyll and Bute (planning, delivery and commissioned services) will be delegated to the new partnership arrangements.
- 1.5 The proposed budget for the new Health and Social Care Partnership includes circa £160 million Health Board and circa £50 million Council funding. The final pooled budget will be agreed and confirmed prior to 1st April 2015.
- 1.6 The Scottish Government has recently published two consultation documents relating to the regulations and guidance associated with Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Community Services Committee note that:

- 1.7 Argyll and Bute Council and NHS Highland have agreed the scope of services to be delegated to the new Health and Social Care Partnership at their respective Council and Board meetings in June 2014.
- 1.8 the first meeting of the Shadow Integration Board is scheduled for the 10th September 2014.

- 1.9 a Programme Board and Joint Project Team to deliver the work required to meet the statutory requirements of the Public Bodies(Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 has been formed.
- 1.10 the progress being made to recruit a Chief Officer in line with the statutory requirements of the Act.
- 1.11 the requirement to produce an Integration Scheme in line with the statutory regulations and guidance from Scottish Government. The Integration Scheme must be signed off by the Government before 1st April 2015.

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2. INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 An initial report relating to Integration was presented to full Council on 20th March and to NHS Highland Board on 1st April 2014. The report made a number of key recommendations in relation to the preferred model of integration and set out additional recommendations in relation to the creation of a shadow integration board, appointment of a Chief Officer and requesting the identification of 4 Elected Members to sit on Shadow Integration Board in line with the requirements of the legislation.
- 2.2 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. 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.
- 2.3 There have been two Council Elected Members seminars and NHS Board development sessions in relation to integration to date. These seminars and development days provided background information in relation to the integration agenda by setting national issues within a local context, providing information on progress to date.
- 2.4 The Scottish Government are encouraging partnerships to make progress with new partnership arrangements ahead of the statutory timescale of 1st April 2016. The partnership in Argyll and Bute is working towards integration by 1 April 2015.
- 2.5 The Scottish Government has recently published two consultation documents regarding the regulations and guidance relating to the new legislation. The draft regulations on which the consultation is based may be accessed through the consultation section of the Scottish Government website (www.scotland.gov.uk/).

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Community Services Committee note that:

- 3.1 Argyll and Bute Council and NHS Highland have agreed the scope of services to be delegated to the new Health and Social Care Partnership at their respective Council and Board meetings in June 2014.

- 3.2 The first meeting of the Shadow Integration Board is scheduled for the 10th September 2014.
- 3.3 A Programme Board and Joint Project Team has been formed to deliver the work required to meet the statutory requirements of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014.
- 3.4 The progress being made to recruit a Chief Officer in line with the statutory requirements of the Act.
- 3.5 The requirement to produce an Integration Scheme in line with the statutory regulations and guidance from Scottish Government. The Integration Scheme must be signed off by the Government before 1st April 2015.

4. DETAILS

- 4.1 Argyll and Bute Council and NHS Highland have agreed the model of partnership as Body Corporate at their respective Council and Board meetings in March and April 2014. A Programme Board has been set up and is populated by senior managers from the Council and NHS Highland which includes the Chief Executives of the Council and NHS Highland, the Leader of the Council and Chairman of NHS Highland Board.
- 4.2 The 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.
- 4.3 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.
- 4.4 All NHS services in Argyll and Bute (planning, delivery, and commissioned services) as well as Adults and Children's Social Work Services of Argyll and Bute Council will be delegated to the new partnership arrangements. This equates to a potential budget of circa £160 million from the NHS while the Council's budget equates to circa £50 million. Following the review of Community Justice Services, the Scottish Government has confirmed the intention to delegate the services to CPPs and work will be undertaken to map out how these services articulate with the new Health and Social Care Partnerships in operational and governance terms. Community Justice Services are however expected to transfer operationally as part of Children and Families Social Work Services and a separate paper will be prepared for members on this issue.
- 4.5 A Shadow Integration Board will meet for the first time in 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. The Council Leader has confirmed the Council representatives on the Shadow Integration Board will be Councillor Douglas Philand; Councillor Mary Jean Devon; Councillor Elaine

Robertson and Councillor Anne Horn.

- 4.6 Preparation for the recruitment of a Chief Officer has now been completed and the national advert for the post will go live in late August 2014. A recruitment and selection process has been agreed by the Council and NHS Highland which will ensure a robust process is in place to identify a suitable candidate. The provisional date for interviews of potential candidates is early October 2014.
- 4.7 The joint project team are now actively involved in activities across 11 work streams as indicated in 3.2 of this report. One of the main statutory requirements contained within the Regulations is the requirement to produce an Integration Scheme which details the arrangements that will be put in place to meet the statutory requirements of the legislation.
- 4.8 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.

5.0 CONCLUSIONS

- 5.1 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. The Partnership needs to meet new duties and responsibilities as detailed in the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 Regulations and Guidance.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

<i>Policy:</i>	In line with Scottish Government Legislation to improve health and social care outcomes for customers.
<i>Financial:</i>	The move to pooled budgets will be set down in legislation. The decision re scope will require delegation of circa £50 million in respect of Adult and Children and Families social work services.
<i>Legal:</i>	To meet the requirements of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014.
<i>Personnel:</i>	Implications for future organisational development joint planning activity going forward.
<i>Equal Opportunities:</i>	Process will follow regulations and guidance
<i>Risk:</i>	The Council are required to meet new statutory measures under the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014

Customers:

Improved outcomes for customers sits at the heart of this Scottish Government legislation.

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