

**HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP DRAFT INTEGRATION
SCHEME**

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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- 1.4 The Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 requires that an Integration Scheme is prepared jointly by the NHS Board and the Council in respect of each Integration Authority, known as the Integration Joint Board. The scheme sets out the formal agreement between the NHS Board and Council on a range of matters as prescribed in the regulations in support of the Act, including the delegation of functions and services to be included within the new partnership arrangements.
- 1.5 The Act requires that the NHS Board and Council must consult on the content of the draft Integration Scheme and the groups to be involved in the consultation are set out in the Regulations and Guidance.

- 1.6 The draft Integration Scheme is based on a National Model Integration Scheme template provided by Scottish Government and reflects the draft Regulations and Guidance.
- 1.7 Consultation on the draft Integration Scheme commenced on 1st December 2014 and will end on the 23rd December 2014. The draft Integration Scheme is to be submitted to the Scottish Government by 12th January 2015 for approval.

1.8 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Council;

- a) approve the draft Integration Scheme subject to any final amendments at the conclusion of the consultation period during December 2014.
- b) authorise the Chief Executives of NHS Highland and Argyll and Bute Council to make any final changes to the draft Integration Scheme arising from the consultation prior to submission by 12th January 2015 to Scottish Government for approval.

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2.0 INTRODUCTION

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3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Council;
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4.0 DETAIL

- 4.1 The Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 requires that an Integration Scheme is prepared jointly by the NHS Board and the Council in respect of each Integration Authority, known as the Integration Joint Board. The scheme sets out the formal agreement between the NHS Board and Council on a range of matters as prescribed in the regulations in support of the Act, including the delegation of functions and services to the partnership.
- 4.2 The Integration Scheme must be approved by Scottish Ministers before the Integration Joint Board may legally form. Scottish Ministers will restrict their approval to those matters which are prescribed for inclusion in the scheme and any changes to the scheme in future will require the scheme to be resubmitted following further consultation. Matters that are not prescribed but which will provide assurance that the necessary arrangements are in place for the partnerships to function effectively will be included in supporting local protocols and guidance. In line with advice from the Scottish Government, the draft Integration Scheme is therefore a high level document and areas of detail that would be subject to regular change are not included.
- 4.3 The Act requires the NHS Board and Council to consult on the content of the draft Integration Scheme and the stakeholders to be involved are set out in the Regulations.
- 4.4 The draft Integration Scheme is based on the national Model Integration Scheme template provided by the Scottish Government and reflects the draft Regulations.
- 4.5 The draft Integration Scheme requires to undergo a period of consultation with a prescribed list of consultees as set out in the draft Regulations. These comprise stakeholders represented in the Shadow Integration Board, Health Board staff and Council staff. The consultation is for a period of 4 weeks during December 2014.

5.0 CONSULTATION METHODOLOGY

The health and social care programme board endorsed the following arrangements for consulting on the draft Scheme:

- Consultation on the draft Integration Scheme will commence on 1st December 2014 and end on the 23rd December 2014.
- The draft Integration Scheme will be available on Argyll and Bute Council Website/ NHS Highland website and Argyll Voluntary Action website. The document will also be available in a range of Council offices and libraries.

- A press release will be organised to ensure members of our communities are aware of the consultation timescale and have access to the draft Integration Scheme
- The draft Integration Scheme will be available for members of the public and our staff at a series of public events during late November and December across our Localities. These meetings have already been scheduled and have been publicised in each locality.
- Statutory groups identified in the legislation will be targeted specifically to ensure opportunities are available for feedback to be secured during the consultation period.
- A feedback sheet will be provided for those with an interest in health and social care to provide feedback on the content of our Integration Scheme.
- Following the consultation period, the revised Integration Scheme, will be submitted to Scottish Government by 12th January 2015. This will ensure the Scottish Government are afforded 12 weeks to consider then endorse the Scheme by 31st March 2015.

6.0 CONCLUSION

- 6.1 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. The completion of an Integration Scheme is the next significant step towards integration of health and social care services across Argyll and Bute.

7.0 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 integrated budgets is set down in the regulations and guidance associated with the legislation.
<i>Legal:</i>	To meet the requirements of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014.
<i>Personnel:</i>	Implications for future OD 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.
<i>Customers:</i>	Improved outcomes for customers sits at the heart of this Scottish Government legislation.

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