

<p>Meeting of South Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership</p> <p>Held on:</p>	<p>Performance and Audit Committee</p> <p>5th December 2023</p>
<p>Agenda Item:</p>	<p>8a</p>
<p>Title:</p>	<p>Feedback on Mental Welfare Commission (Year end 2023)</p>
<p>Summary:</p> <p>The purpose of this report is to provide the Performance and Audit Committee with an update on the progress made by the HSCP in developing statutory Mental Health and Learning Disability services for the end of year meeting on 18th December with Mental Welfare Commission (MWC) for Scotland.</p>	
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<p>Recommendations:</p> <p>It is recommended that the Performance and Audit Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Note the work being done in relation to statutory mental health service. ii. Agree this report to be shared with the Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland at the end of year meeting with HSCP on 8th Dec 2023. 	
<p>Route to meeting:</p> <p>Continued regular updates to the Performance and Audit Committee as per the Integration Joint Board instruction in 2023.</p>	
<p>Implications:</p> <p>Financial <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>HR <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Legal <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Equalities <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Sustainability <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Policy <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>ICT <input type="checkbox"/></p>	

FEEDBACK TO MENTAL WELFARE COMMISSION

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform and keep the Performance and Audit Committee abreast of the ongoing work and the targets being met in relation to the statutory mental health service. The report will highlight where the targets have been exceeded and update on those, not achieved as expected. The report will be share with the Mental Welfare Commission (MWC) at the end of year meeting with them on 8th December 2023.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Integration Joint Board
- i. Note the progress in relation to the development of the statutory mental health service.
 - ii. Agree that the attached report can be shared with Mental Welfare Commission.

3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 The Mental Welfare Commission have asked us as a partnership to provide updates in terms of what we have been doing over the past two years for 2022 and 2023. In terms of our statutory work there have been some significant changes which the Mental Welfare Commission are aware of in regular meetings we have with them, and further updates are provided in the attached report.
- 3.2 One very significant caveat for us as a partnership is that the changes for the new statutory Mental Health Officer (MHO) service began to take shape in September of 2022. This is where we began to keep specific and detailed data about our statutory mental health activities. It is clear that for the first 8 months of the 2022 whilst we were operating differently our performance was poor. The improvements began to happen and remained consistent from September 2022 onwards.
- 3.3 The Mental Welfare Commission have provided two different sets of statistics for this end of year report:
- Mental Health Act Monitoring Report 2021-22.
 - The end of year scorecard for 2023. Which has statistics for 2022 and 2023.

They do present different statistics in terms of our partnership performance and in some areas it is difficult to specifically report against South Ayrshire's Health and Social Care Partnership as the figures are health board wide.

4. REPORT

- 4.1 It is proposed that the Committee consider the report and approve actions to date and offer any further commentary as necessary on further information required to inform the Committee. The report is attached as Appendix 1.
- 4.2 The performance on statutory mental health services has moved from 20% of all relevant Mental Health Act events being actively reported on in 2021-2022 to 99.21 % in 2023 for the partnership. A very significant improvement for the Committee to note.
- 4.3 The statutory Mental Health Officer team has moved from strength to strength in the past year to assist in managing the work generated by mental health and incapacity law. Currently the team is composed of:
- Mental Health Officer coordinator full time
 - Team leader fulltime
 - 5 senior practitioner/Mental Health Officer's fulltime
 - 1 mental health performance assistant
 - 1 administration assistant.
 - In addition, we have devised a trainee Mental Health Officer scheme which will assist us in growing our own statutory workers.
- 4.4 The statutory mental service would like to highlight to the Performance and Audit Committee the excellent progress to date with 100% of all social circumstance's reports completed where service users have required detention using the mental health. This is because of the hard work of the statutory mental health officer team to reach this high standard over the past year.
- 4.5 An Mental Health Officer is allocated to every meeting that considers using an intervention under Adults with Incapacity (AWI) legislation and hospital discharge meetings are prioritised for the Mental Health Officer's group. So far since figures have been collated, from Sept 2022 a Mental Health Officer has attended every meeting requested by hospital discharge. There has been a 100% attendance at all AWI meetings to provide advice and guidance to staff. In the year from September 2022 to September 2023 145 Guardianship orders were completed by the statutory team with no late reports.
- 4.6 The Mental Health Officer team continues to meet its statutory targets to a remarkably high standard and has sustained the quality of its performance in legislative work over the past year. There is a solid foundation for the team which we will continue to build on in the coming year in supporting and strengthening the statutory work of the Mental Health Officer service.
- 4.7 There has been a recognition in Learning Disability (LD) of the need to bolster statutory support. The Learning Disability Service has funded a Mental Health Officer to be hosted in the statutory Mental Health Officer team. This worker works specifically with LD services to ensure that the supervising officer role for guardianship orders has been completed. One of the senior practitioners has

been doing this over the past year and has completed a significant number of reviews for people with LD need. This support will continue into the future. This post was put in place to give a transparent and reassuring overview to the Chief Social Work Officer where there is a local authority guardianship.

- 4.8 South Ayrshire community mental health services and the new Mental Health Officer Service have worked hard to ensure relationships and pathways for joint working were established. This cohesive working has contributed to extremely positive outcomes for those South Ayrshire residents, as can be seen from the earlier data provided in this report.

5. STRATEGIC CONTEXT

- 5.1 This report links with the strategic plan overarching vision “empowering our communities to start well, live well and age well.
- 5.2 The strategy aligns with the wellbeing pledge and all of the Strategic Plan objectives and Policy Priorities. The strategy focusses on prevention and tackling inequality, nurturing and supporting people with a learning disability and their carers to be part of communities who care for each other.
- 5.3 We work together to provide the right care in the right place, building safer communities making a positive impact beyond the services we deliver. We are an ambitious and effective partnership and are transparent and listen to our communities.

6. IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Financial Implications

- 6.1.1 There are no financial implications.

6.2 Human Resource Implications

- 6.2.1 There are no human resource implications.

6.3 Legal Implications

- 6.3.1 There are no legal implications.

6.4 Equalities implications

- 6.4.1 There are no equality implications.

6.5 Sustainability implications

- 6.5.1 There are no sustainability implications.

6.6 Clinical/professional assessment

6.6.1 There is ongoing clinical and professional assessment working to deliver the strategy by the lead officers who are assigned responsibility to deliver the actions to improve outcomes for the residents of South Ayrshire.

7. CONSULTATION AND PARTNERSHIP WORKING

7.1 There is ongoing consultation and partnership working with the Mental Welfare Commission who will receive this report once the Performance and Audit Committee approve it. This will be an ongoing process of inspection and review.

8. RISK ASSESSMENT

8.1 The professional assessment of risk is that there is significant progress and there are no areas where there is reputational, political and community risk to South Ayrshire.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

Appendix 1 :Feedback to the Mental Welfare Commission report produced 23rd November 2023 – available as separate document.