

Meeting of South Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership	Strategic Planning Advisory Group (SPAG)		
Held on:	19th March 2024		
Agenda Item:	10		
Title:	Social Isolation – Future arrangements		
Summary:			
<p>The purpose of this report is to provide SPAG members with proposed new arrangements linked to the co-ordination and delivery of the Social Isolation Strategy (2019-27).</p>			
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Recommendations:			
<p>It is recommended that the SPAG members endorse the approach set out in the paper.</p>			
Route to meeting:			
<p>A report was presented to SPAG on 20th December 2022. This report provides and update on activity and the scope of the South Ayrshire pathfinder.</p>			
Directions:		Implications:	
1. No Directions Required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Financial	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Directions to NHS Ayrshire & Arran	<input type="checkbox"/>	HR	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Directions to South Ayrshire Council	<input type="checkbox"/>	Legal	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Directions to both SAC & NHS	<input type="checkbox"/>	Equalities	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Sustainability	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Policy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		ICT	<input type="checkbox"/>

SOCIAL ISOLATION – FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

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2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 **It is recommended that the Strategic Planning Advisory Group endorse the approach set out in the paper.**

3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3.1 The Social Isolation and Loneliness Strategy 2018-2027 was approved by the Integrated Joint Board at its meeting on 4 June 2019. The Strategy is accompanied with an Implementation Plan designed to take forward the three key Strategic Objectives namely ‘prevent’, ‘respond’ and ‘restore’ as well as delivering both local and national outcomes. This nine-year strategy has focused on older people for the first period of implementation.

3.2 Social isolation & Loneliness is currently a Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP) priority in relation to older people.

3.3 The LOIP is currently being reviewed with a proposed approach set out in ‘priority areas’ highlighted below:



3.4 The first Implementation Plan for the Strategy covered the period 2018-2022 and there has been a recent updating of this Implementation Plan to form a new Implementation Plan for 2023-27. This considers new opportunities to support Social Isolation (such as the move towards Locality based working),

changes in Community Planning arrangements, new funding sources and other realities such as the Cosy Space initiative to address the Cost-of-Living crisis. In addition, the work associated with the development of an Ageing Well Strategy and the associated Age Friendly Community outworking will also provide strategic contexts to embed social isolation into broader work.

4. REPORT

- 4.1. Essentially a new context for the outworking of the Social Isolation and Loneliness Strategy has developed. Social Isolation and Loneliness priorities are now addressed within a range of other strategies that contain many significant areas of work surrounding Social Isolation within them.
- 4.2 The following diagram helps illustrate the growing strands of interconnected work streams:



- 4.3 This suggests that the function of the central strategy group needs to be updated and a new draft is required surrounding the terms of reference for the group. This recognising that the existing components of the strategy remain germane. Wider work however, particularly in relation to the Respond and Restore elements, might be largely covered in other strategies as these would include many population groups.
- 4.4 The Prevent strand is suggested as requiring more centrally driven work – for example training and awareness programmes, public communication, marketing, and thinking ahead work such as pre-retirement. Some larger strategic elements such as, engaging with the wider community and supermarkets for example, may need to be centrally led through the Community Planning Partnership.
- 4.5 The new terms of reference would focus on co-ordination of all the activity on Social Isolation within many strategies and plans and at locality level. It would also concentrate on some ‘Prevent’ work better carried out centrally including Communication/Marketing. This would then reflect this new function in terms of membership. It is likely a summary of these developments and future functions including membership will required to be reported and agreement sought through Strategic Planning and Advisory Group in addition to Population Health SDP.

5. STRATEGIC CONTEXT

- 5.1 We focus on prevention & tackling inequality
- 5.2 We nurture & are part of communities that care for each other

6. IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Financial Implications

- 6.1.1 No implications

6.2 Human Resource Implications

- 6.2.1 No implications

6.3 Legal Implications

- 6.3.1 No implications

6.4 Equalities implications

- 6.4.1 No implications

6.5 Sustainability implications

- 6.5.1 No implications

6.6 Clinical/professional assessment

- 6.6.1 No implications

7. CONSULTATION AND PARTNERSHIP WORKING

- 7.1 The Social Isolation Strategy, whilst officially an IJB related strategy, is increasingly being addressed within a wider CPP ownership.

8. RISK ASSESSMENT

- 8.1. Low risk

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BACKGROUND PAPERS