

Meeting of South Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership	Strategic Planning Advisory Group	
Held on:	17th December 2024	
Agenda Item:	9	
Title:	Draft Needs Analysis - Learning Disability	
Summary:		
<p>This paper is presented to Strategic Planning Advisory Group for information and comment. As a service it is essential to consider future needs and potential impact. This has been written in line with the existing Learning Disability Strategy 2022 - 2027.</p>		
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Recommendations:		
To consider the content and offer any comment.		
Route to meeting:		
This report has been presented to DMT.		
Directions:		Implications:
1. No Directions Required <input 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 type="checkbox"/>
		ICT <input type="checkbox"/>

DRAFT NEEDS ANALYSIS – LEARNING DISABILITY

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This paper is presented to Strategic Planning Advisory Group for information and comment. This has been developed in line with the existing Learning Disability Strategy 2022- 27

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 It is recommended that the panel consider the content and offer any comment.

3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 South Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership refreshed the previous iteration of its Learning Disability Strategy during 2021/22, with a finalised strategy document being agreed at the IJB in June 2022. The final strategy was innovative, fresh, and far reaching.
- 3.2 The formation of a ‘League of Champions’ as part of the collaborative approach has been a significant success in achieving the aims and aspirations as detailed to support people to “Live your best life in the way that you choose.”
- 3.3 Performance and Audit Committee have received regular updates on the implementation of the strategy. In due course this current strategy will be reviewed and refreshed and progressed through the relevant governance frameworks.
- 3.4 The current strategy was developed on what services were available at that time locally with a strong emphasis on people being able to access services, having a flexible approach to support changing needs, a recognition that for some covid had changes how they wanted to be supported, along with being supported in their own communities.
- 3.5 Complex care provision resourcing is challenging. This is influenced by the knowledge that additional care needs require specialist training, accessible and appropriate environments able to provide safe, nurturing, caring support with highly trained, skilled, and qualified staff on site. These specialist services are often located in the central belt, attract a high-cost weekly rate for basic care and hospitality services. Additional outcomes (social inclusion, enrichment activities etc) are often at an additional rate as this adds pressure to the staffing arrangements and model of care identified. Capacity within this area is often stretched due to the small number of providers who are suitably registered and resourced to provide it.
- 3.6 The purchase of out of region care and support attracts high costs often in the region of £2,500 upwards for complex care management per week. Most of the purchases made are negotiated under the terms and conditions managed

off the national framework operated by Scotland Excel. The existing resources within South Ayrshire, and the development of recent care homes has expanded capacity locally.

4. REPORT

- 4.1 As part of the ongoing review of current and future needs, in line with an appropriate 'coming home' agenda, it is beneficial to consider what a service locally might require. Appendix 1 is a high-level detailed needs analysis outlining the residential services and nursing care services which are currently available for those individuals who have complex learning disability and/or mental health needs.
- 4.2 It is anticipated that this draft analysis of need could and will be shared with providers who approach the HSCP as part of their routine forward planning as a potential area for further exploration. At this present time, there is no current plan to commission such a service, but as a holistic review of what supports may be needed, a locally developed service, which was sustainable in both financial and resource may be a viable opportunity for external development.
- 4.3 Under the current legislation which governs the provision of care and support for vulnerable adults there are key aims that are considered when purchasing packages of care which include 'Choice and Control,' Living independently; and Active citizenship. Achieving these expectations can sometimes be impacted by capacity within the sector, particularly for those with the increased complexity.
- 4.4 Some low-level research has been carried out with existing providers which has included costings of business models; recruitment and retention in the current market; challenges and perceived bottlenecks in the system; housing allocation policy. This information was considered when writing up the Draft Needs Analysis.
- 4.5 SPAG may note that there are sufficient existing resources available at present, and the recent investment in core and cluster accommodations have reduced the number of outwith authority places being purchased.
- 4.6 SPAG may also note that the HSPC have engaged with our Corporate Procurement team to ensure that we comply with all purchasing legislation to protect the HSCP/Council as host authority from risk of challenge.
- 4.7 One of the local providers has advised the HSPC that they are considering their future development strategy, review of their estate and assets and has approached the HSCP to explore their options in line with identified needs.
- 4.8 It is reasonably assumed that a similar exercise will be undertaken for Mental Health services in due course once that strategy has been finalised.

5. STRATEGIC CONTEXT

- 5.1 On review, the draft analysis would contribute to all of the Strategic objectives.
- 5.2 We nurture and are part of communities that care for each other.
- 5.3 We work together to give you the right care in the right place
- 5.4 We help build communities where people are safe
- 5.5 We are an ambitious and effective partnership
- 5.6 We make a positive impact beyond the service we deliver
- 5.7 We focus on tackling inequality
- 5.8 We are transparent and listen to you.

6. IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Financial Implications – None**
- 6.2 Human Resource Implications - none**
- 6.3 Legal Implications – No implications**
- 6.4 Equalities implications – None at this time. A full Integrated Impact Assessment would be undertaken if/when appropriate.**
- 6.5 Sustainability implications – None at this time. These would be considered if/when necessary.**
- 6.6 Clinical/professional assessment**

7. CONSULTATION AND PARTNERSHIP WORKING

- 7.1 This Draft Needs Analysis has been considered by DMT and Senior Manager for the service.

8. RISK ASSESSMENT

- 8.1 There is no risk to the IJB or to Strategic Planning Advisory Group from the content of this paper. As noted, to ensure that we do not breach any procurement legislation, we have been assured by Corporate Procurement that the HSCP can develop and share information which providers may wish to explore options as they also consider their own short, medium, and long-term plans. A full commissioning exercise would be carried out to comply with all relevant legislation if this was a service model which was being considered for implementation.

APPENDICES

- Appendix 1 – Draft needs Analysis Learning Disability

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