

Meeting of South Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership	Integration Joint Board		
Held on:	12th February 2025		
Agenda Item:	5		
Title:	Chief Officer's Update		
Summary:			
<p>This report provides an update to the South Ayrshire Integration Joint Board on behalf of the Chief Officer on items that do not merit a full report, but the Board may wish to note. Topics covered in this report include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Chalmers Road, Inspection findings ii. University West of Scotland – formal agreement iii. Prestwick District Nurse team iv. Vibrant Voices update (Appendix 1) v. South Ayrshire Communication Friendly Environments (SACFE) in Community Settings (Appendix 2) vi. Spirometry update vii. Storm Eowyn viii. Centre for Excellence for Children's Care and Protection 			
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It is recommended that the Integration Joint Board:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Consider the content of this report and offer any reflections. 			
Route to meeting:			
Report for IJB only.			
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	
		ICT	<input type="checkbox"/>

CHIEF OFFICER'S UPDATE REPORT

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

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- Prestwick District Nurse team
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- South Ayrshire Communication Friendly Environments (SACFE) in Community Settings (Appendix 2)
- Spirometry update
- Storm Eowyn
- Centre for Excellence for Children's Care and Protection

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 **It is recommended that the Integration Joint Board:**

i. Considers the content of this report and offers any reflections.

3. REPORT

3.1 Topics for noting are detailed below.

3.2 **Chalmers Road is a registered Care Home** for people with a learning disability operated by the HSCP received an unannounced inspection on 7th and 8th January 2025.

3.2.1 Overall the findings of this inspection were very positive and grades of 5 (Very Good) were awarded across the following themes:

- How well do we support people's wellbeing;
- How good is our staff team;
- How good is our setting and
- How well is care and support planned.

3.2.2 A grade of 4 (Good) was awarded for *How good is Our Leadership*. Management and Leadership was previously inspected in 2017 with a grade of 5 awarded at that inspection, which was against the now replaced care standards. Key messages from the inspection outlined the strength of the service including:

- People received reliable and consistent support from a familiar staff team with whom they had positive, trusting and caring relationships.
- Family members felt involved and well informed, telling us they were very satisfied with the standard of care and support provided.

3.2.3 Under 'How good is our leadership' one area for improvement was noted around improving quality assurance evaluation which will be considered and agreed on how to implement and evidence by the management team.

3.3 University West of Scotland agreement with South Ayrshire HSCP.

3.3.1 December 19th saw the signing of a formal agreement to work in partnership with UWS and SAHSCP. This agreement has been developed during 2024 and formalises our joint appreciation and recognition in the development of a skilled and experienced workforce, along with setting out our commitment to ensure that South Ayrshire is able to offer positive career choices. Particularly in professional roles, real learning and training opportunities adds significant value when undertaking formal qualifications, and this agreement not only supports the practical arrangements, but also underpins the strategic development and research opportunities available. When available further updates on the specific projects and activities this realises will be reported.

3.4 Prestwick District Nursing team have been recognised by their own students in providing best care. The nomination was submitted by student nurses undertaking placements with the team. The team received a certificate of recognition for their collective support and practical guidance and further demonstrates the individual and team contribution to improving health and care across South Ayrshire.

3.5 Vibrant Voices is a Speech and Language led programme, funded through the Innovation and Improvement Fund- 'A friendly and supportive singing group for anyone with any type of communication difficulty' continues to grow in popularity and success. The group have a good number of regular weekly attendees and intend to expand their success wider over the next couple of years in Girvan and Maybole. Further information is detailed in Appendix 1 of this report.

3.6 South Ayrshire Communication Friendly Environments (SACFE) in community settings promotes and support communication for everyone. SACFE Communities team are supporting communities on how to achieve positive communications. This includes how to label areas using words or symbols and pictures to aid understanding through a 'total communication approach'. Visual menus, communication boards and Makaton etc are used.

3.6.1 There is a 2-hour training session for staff available to broaden their skills. Appendix 2 of this report provides further information.

3.7 Spirometry Pilot: The South Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) is delighted to be funding a new Spirometry testing pilot to support early diagnosis for respiratory conditions. Spirometry testing is used in the diagnosis of various lung conditions such as Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD). Tuesday 28th January saw the first patients attend the newly established clinics at Girvan Community Hospital.

3.7.1 The focus of this pilot is to help provide easier diagnosis for lung conditions such as COPD within the community, in so doing, reducing unnecessary admissions at Emergency Departments (ED). Undiagnosed patients can present at ED acutely unwell and experience long stays in hospital which can be avoided with appropriate diagnosis at an earlier stage. Staff at South Ayrshire HSCP applied for funding to enable easier access to these tests as a pilot for South Ayrshire residents with a view to rolling out clinics across Ayrshire should they prove to be successful.

3.8 Storm Eowyn. Whilst the county experience some of the highest wind speeds recorded during Storm Eowyn, our workforce demonstrated their determination and commitment to ensure that citizens across South Ayrshire continued to receive their services. Their resilience is an unmeasurable asset and on behalf of the IJB I would extend my heartfelt thanks to each and every one. There are too many staff to name individually who went above and beyond, but our teams, in particular our Care at Home team and District Nursing teams navigated the various hazards as they travelled across the area to keep people safe and well. All truly remarkable.

3.9 Centre for excellence for Children’s Care and Protection. Mark Inglis (Head of Children and Families and Justice Services) was invited to present an update on the activity the team have undertaken for South Ayrshire’s journey with Children services and our implementation of GIRFEC along with The Promise and Whole Family Wellbeing.

3.9.1 The Webinar was on the 30th January and looked at the findings of the Children Service Reform Research and discussed this with CELCIS’s Dr Alex McTier, Evidence and Evaluation Specialist and Jane Scott, Head of Early Help and Protection, co-authors of the study, Katherine Anderson, Policy Implementation Lead at CELCIS and Mark Inglis Head of Children's Health, Care and Justice Services, South Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership. Some other areas have asked for follow up contact from Mark.

APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Vibrant Voices

Appendix 2 – SACFE

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