

Meeting of South Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership	Performance & Audit Committee
Held on:	1st April 2025
Agenda Item:	9
Title:	South Ayrshire Learning Disability Strategy 2022 -2027 - Progress report
Summary: The purpose of this report is to provide the Performance and Audit Committee with an update on the progress of the implementation plan and ongoing work towards the targets being met in relation to the Adult Learning Disability Strategy 2022-2027 as detailed in Appendix 1.	
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Recommendations: It is recommended that the Performance & Audit Committee i. Note the work being done in relation to the strategy. ii. Agree that a 6 monthly cycle of reporting will keep the Committee updated on progress made.	
Route to meeting: Continued regular updates to the Performance & Audit Committee as per the Integrated Joint Board instruction in 2023.	
Implications:	
Financial	<input type="checkbox"/>
HR	<input type="checkbox"/>
Legal	<input type="checkbox"/>
Equalities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sustainability	<input type="checkbox"/>
Policy	<input type="checkbox"/>
ICT	<input type="checkbox"/>

SOUTH AYRSHIRE LEARNING DISABILITY STRATEGY 2022-2027 - PROGRESS REPORT

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

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2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Integration Joint Board:
- i. Note the progress in relation to the strategy.
 - ii. Agree the reporting cycle to keep the Committee updated on progress made.
 - iii. Agree the further consultation proposal of audit in relation to the significant progress of the strategy to date, to ensure robust self-evaluation of progress and areas of further development.

3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 The Adult Learning Disability Strategy was launched in August 2022 after approval from the IJB in June 2022. This is the fourth update report.
- 3.2 The strategy was completed after an in-depth consultation with everyone who has or had an interest in the delivery of Learning Disability services. The consultation was robust, and the draft strategy was completed with intense and sophisticated consultation to ensure the voices of our carers, guardians, attorneys, and those with lived experience was heard and in a format that was accessible.
- 3.3 The strategy is ambitious and forward thinking and requires ongoing scrutiny and the involvement of all those it affects to ensure that it is interpreted and delivered as intended.
- 3.4 The attached update (appendix 1) produced through the Pentana Performance management System provides an update on each individual action contained within the Implementation Plan.

4. REPORT

- 4.1 It is proposed that the committee consider the report and approve actions to date and advise as necessary on further information required to inform the committee.
- 4.2 A summary of the progress on the 38 actions see background papers link. A synopsis of the Pentana report is provided below.

Status Number	38
Completed	37
On target	1
Showing some concerns	0

Not on target	0
Not due to started	0

- 4.3 The Learning Disability service would like to highlight to the Performance and Audit committee the excellent progress to date with over 99% of the strategy completed in 32 months. A routine part of work in Learning Disability service recent number of surveys have been completed with positive outcomes being reported.
- 4.4 There are no actions not on target however some require ongoing action. There is 1 action which is still being worked on as below.
- 4.5 LDS 13 ***Work with our partners in Thriving Communities and the Third Sector to provide awareness-raising activities on hate crime and will promote using community hubs as places of safety for people to access support as required.*** This work has been completed since the last report.
- 4.6 LDS 22 ***Continue to ensure people with learning disabilities are involved in local activities and groups, that these groups are varied to meet the needs of those who attend and are promoted on South Ayrshire Lifeline, so people are aware of what is available.*** This work has been completed since the last report.
- 4.7 LDS 25 ***Publish a 'Market Position Statement' on the housing we need for people with learning disabilities. This will look at a range of housing models and support for people living in their own tenancy and in homeless accommodation as well as improving the data we collect to identify housing needs in the future. The 'Market Position Statement' will also include training requirements for housing and social work staff.*** This work is ongoing and is being supported by the senior officer learning disability. A report is due in July 2025.
- 4.8 LDS 27 ***Develop an action plan with our partners in Thriving Communities and Ayrshire College to improve people's experiences of learning and employment. This will consider how people over the age of 30 can receive support into employment, review the recruitment practices of South Ayrshire Council and NHS Ayrshire and Arran to ensure these are appropriate for people with learning disabilities and ensure there is a broader range of learning opportunities which also link to employability.*** *This work has been completed since the last report.*
- 4.9 LDS 28 ***Continue to work alongside provider organizations to embed our Quality Assurance process ensuring the views of those receiving support and their carers are considered.*** *This work has been completed with audits being published on a regular basis.*
- 4.10 LDS 31 ***Utilise the Community Connector role to develop asset-based approaches to community inclusion and meaningful volunteering opportunities.*** This work is completed, and the community connector has been redeployed to another post.
- 4.11 LDS 36 ***Increase participation of the League of Champions in decision-making by ensuring they are involved in meaningful discussions and are listened to.*** This work is completed since the last report.
- 4.12 LDS 38 ***Work alongside the League of Champions to ensure that our paperwork is easy to understand.*** This work is completed since the last report.
- 4.13 Due to the strategy success to date we need to benchmark ourselves and consider how we maintain the high standards we have set ourselves as a Learning Disability

community with our service users by our sides. We have gone back out to the Scottish Commission Learning Disability and their officers have come back to us and said that the strategy is working well and is an industry leader and does not need to be reviewed further by the SCLD. It is essential to continue to self-evaluate ourselves to ensure we are meeting the needs and aspirations of our Learning Disability community to “live their best lives”.

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 the Strategic Plan objectives and Policy Priorities. The strategy focusses on prevention and tackling inequality, nurture and support people with a learning disability and their carers to be part of communities that 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.
- 5.4 Given that 37 of the 38 areas in the strategy are completed it is time to consider preparing for the development of the new strategy. The first development moving forward will be to go back to the league of champions and discuss with them the fact that the majority of the current strategy is complete. We need to discuss a way forward with the league of champions and record their views on this. In addition, a number of surveys need to be taken around the development of new day care, evening and weekend services and establish from this where we need to improve for the new strategy. I would suggest that this carried out throughout the remainder of 2025 and a report is provided to the audit committee in six months’ time about the development of the new strategy.

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 The is ongoing consultation and partnership working with the league of champions our carer and lived experience board who will receive this report once the Performance and Audit committee approve it. This will be on ongoing process.

8. RISK ASSESSMENT

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

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – HSCP Learning Disability Strategy 2022– 27 Updates - available as separate document.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

N/A