

<b>Meeting of South Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership</b>	<b>Integration Joint Board</b>
<b>Held on:</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup> December 2025</b>
<b>Agenda Item:</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Chief Officer's Update</b>
<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <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"> <li>i. <b>Podiatry – research</b></li> <li>ii. <b>International Foundation for Integrated Care (IFIC)</b></li> <li>iii. <b>Locality Planning Partnership Updates</b></li> <li>iv. <b>Allied Health Professional's activity</b></li> <li>v. <b>Staff retiral</b></li> <li>vi. <b>The Outstanding People Awards (TOPA) Staff Awards</b></li> <li>vii. <b>Signs of Safety Audit</b></li> <li>viii. <b>Children's Health Care and Justice Service – marketplace Troon</b></li> </ul>	
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<p><b>It is recommended that the Integration Joint Board:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <b>Consider the content of this report and offer any reflections.</b></li> </ul>	
<p><b>Route to meeting:</b></p> <p>This is a report for IJB only.</p>	
<p><b>Directions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. No Directions Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></li> <li>2. Directions to NHS Ayrshire &amp; Arran <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>3. Directions to South Ayrshire Council <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>4. Directions to both SAC &amp; NHS <input type="checkbox"/></li> </ul>	<p><b>Implications:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Financial <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>HR <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>Legal <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>Equalities <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>Sustainability <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>Policy <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>ICT <input type="checkbox"/></li> </ul>

## CHIEF OFFICER'S UPDATE REPORT

### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 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.

### 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 Podiatry – research**

- 3.1.1 Podiatry in SAHSCP are leading in Ayrshire in multi-site national research to investigate Motivational Interviewing in people with lived experiences of diabetes related foot disease from areas impacted by multiple deprivation (MIDI trial). Dr Jodi Binning, Podiatry Service Manager SAHSCP is an associate investigator in the study which is based within Glasgow Caledonian University and includes 4 health boards in NHS Scotland [Home | Official Midi Site](#).

- 3.1.2 Recruitment and delivery of motivational interviewing to support behaviour change (pan Ayrshire) is near to completion for the MIDI trial and the Podiatry team are looking to use the findings and their learning to support behaviour change within other communities as part of their focus on prevention.

#### **3.2 International Foundation for Integrated Care (IFIC)**

- 3.2.1 South Ayrshire was delighted to welcome visitors from Brazil who were excited to learn more about our pioneering South Ayrshire Ageing Well Movement, which aims to support older adults in leading fulfilling lives through meaningful community engagement, respect for autonomy, and integrated support systems.

- 3.2.2 The University of the West of Scotland (UWS), in collaboration with South Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership (SA HSCP) and Voluntary Action South Ayrshire (VASA), recently hosted a distinguished delegation from Brazil to explore innovative approaches to ageing and integrated care. <https://hscp.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/article/81677/Brazilian-Delegation-Explores-Ageing-Well-Initiatives-in-South-Ayrshire>

- 3.2.3 The Chief Officer, Chief Nurse, and Head of Service were honoured to join a select group of local, regional, and international experts at the Golden Jubilee

Hospital on the 4<sup>th</sup> November 2025 to share insights on integrated health and care.

3.2.4 This prestigious event was hosted by the International Foundation for Integrated Care (**IFIC**), bringing together thought leaders to exchange knowledge and best practices. Our team contributed expertise on advancing integrated care and will bring valuable learning back to strengthen our partnership.

3.2.5 The session also provided an excellent opportunity to reconnect with our Brazilian colleagues and hear how they are translating their learning into meaningful local action, an inspiring example of global collaboration driving real change.

### **3.3 Locality Planning Partnership's update**

#### **3.3.1 PRESTWICK AND SURROUNDING VILLAGES:**

3.3.2 In **Monkton** during 2025 there have been a number of small events including Money Matters, International Womens Day and Community Wellbeing sessions. These have been positively received and whilst able to offer specific information relevant to the event, we were also able to share information on the wider HSCP/Community activity.

3.3.3 **Prestwick** saw a Technology Enabled Care event offering information on technology which is able to support independent living and self help, whilst also providing an opportunity to consult on health conditions concerning our Prestwick citizens. The top 5 health conditions noted were Cancer, Coronary Heart Disease, Diabetes, Arthritis and Asthma.

3.3.4 September is Small Grant application time and a total of £19,256 across 15 community groups was distributed to applicants in **Prestwick** and a total of £20,000 distributed across 10 organisations in **Troon**.

3.3.5 **Troon** activity also included a Men's Day event in partnership with 'Troon Men's Shed', Thriving Communities, Community Safety and the Lighthouse Trust.

#### **3.3.6 GIRVAN AND SOUTH CARRICK:**

3.3.7 The small grants process was success with 14 local groups/organisations receiving funding. Each group will be allocated a mentor (member of the LPP) to support them through the evaluation process and receive feedback on how the funding is making a difference in the community.

3.3.8 Working alongside each other the LPP, HSCP and NHS delivered a health event in **Girvan** Community Hospital on 4<sup>th</sup> October. This saw 238 people attend, and 51 undertook a Functional Fitness MOT test, part of the Staying Ahead of the Curve Team activity. Other essential health and wellbeing activity saw flu vaccinations, learning about CPR and using a defibrillator and

learning about different services and groups from the 13 stall holders who also attended.

### 3.3.9 *MAYBOLE/NORTH CARRICK*

3.3.10 Small grants in **Maybole/North Carrick** saw 8 local groups/organisations receive funding.

3.3.11 A North Carrick Roadshow in September saw some 13 organisations attended rural villages (**Straiton, Maidens, Dunure and Minishant**) updating the community on what can be offered locally. This was also an opportunity to seek opinions on other developments led by the HSCP like Connect. Along with the Community Engagement Event in McCosh Hall, **Kirkmichael** on the 1<sup>st</sup> October, where some 15 groups attended we will build on the learning from these engagement events to keep our rural communities connected and included.

### 3.3.12 *AYR NORTH*

3.3.13 Technology to support independent living was the focus of the launch event on 28<sup>th</sup> October at Carnegie library. Well attended, as well as the technology there was information available from the Community Links Practitioners on the Info and Advice Hub, Staying Ahead of the Curve, Locality Planning and Connect South Ayrshire. The group are developing plans for a roadshow event in February.

### 3.3.14 *AYR SHOUTH AND SURROUNDING VILLAGES:*

3.3.15 The Locality Planning Partnership is currently operating without a chair or Vice Chairperson and are keen to recruit into these pivotal roles.

3.3.16 Following on from the Tec launch in Ayr North, further events will be delivered in **Forehill, Alloway; Tarbolton and Mossblown.**

## 3.4 **Allied Health Professional activity**

3.4.1 Our focus for Occupational Therapy week 'Right Time, Right Support – early intervention for prevention' saw a series of events/stalls promoting our services and the self-help activity that people can undertake to improve their physical and mental health and wellbeing. This was supported by external social media posts across our communication platforms. Included in the weeks promotions was examples of quality improvement projects across the service and qualitative data from patients and staff on their experiences.

3.4.2 Vibrant Voices (a supporting singing group) welcomed South Scotland MSP Sharon Dowey to a session of our popular local singing group for adults with communication difficulties, on Friday, 14 November.

3.4.3 Vibrant Voices is a friendly and supportive singing group for people with any type of communication difficulty offered across two locations in South

Ayrshire. The group was founded by Fiona Burnett, a local speech and language therapist, and is funded by the South Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership.

3.4.4 The popular drop-in sessions, which are free to attend, are led by a speech and language therapist with the help of a healthcare support worker and dedicated volunteers. Live music is provided by a volunteer pianist, and song choices, which are drawn from a wide range of genres, include participant requests to promote engagement and familiarity.

3.4.5 According to the Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists (RCSLT), people with communication difficulties often face emotional distress, isolation and barriers to accessing services. Singing interventions have been shown to improve mood, breath control, confidence and voice quality, and studies show clear benefits for people with conditions such as stroke, Parkinson's disease and dementia.

3.4.6 **Scottish Conservative & Unionist MSP Sharon Dowey said:** "I thoroughly enjoyed visiting Vibrant Voices and seeing this fantastic project first-hand. "I am so pleased that this initiative is available here in South Ayrshire and I would like to thank Fiona and the whole team for all the amazing work they do."

### **3.5 Staff retiral – Billy Fisher**

3.5.1 Billy Fisher, who has served as a Practice Development Officer within the Practice Development Team, is retiring this month. Billy first joined South Ayrshire Council on 3rd December 2001 and has been a passionate advocate for the rights, care, and nurture of young people on the periphery of safe care and intensive interventions.

3.5.2 In recent years, Billy has been at the forefront of developing our student social work programme, including the 'Grow Your Own' initiative and our Staff Supervision Policy. He has also been member of our Fostering and Adoption panels supporting Children and Families to meet its vision for our people. He is a 'weel kent face' in the social work student community—both locally and through his active involvement across the West of Scotland region and nationally.

3.5.3 At a time when raising the profile of social work and the profession is more important than ever, I want to express my sincere thanks and gratitude to Billy for his tireless efforts in strengthening social work services in South Ayrshire. We wish him a long, happy, and well-deserved retirement.

### **3.6 The Outstanding People Awards (TOPA) Staff Awards**

3.6.1 I am delighted to inform the IJB that we have another team recognised for their significant contribution to improving services through their work in the locality. The Adult and Older People Social Work – Central locality team one an award for **Outstanding Improvement and Innovation**. They received their award at the ceremony on 26<sup>th</sup> November.

### **3.7 Notification of Children’s Services Joint Inspection of Services for children and young people on compulsory supervision orders living at home with their parents.**

3.7.1 We have been notified that South Ayrshire under Section 115 of part 8 of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 a joint inspection will be undertaken by His Majesty’s Inspectorate of Education, His Majesty’s Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland, the Care Inspectorate and Healthcare Improvement Scotland. The inspection is a lengthy staged and planned process which will take place between end of November – March/April 2026. I will bring further updates when available.

### **3.8 Signs of Safety Audit**

3.8.1 SAHSCP have received our third Signs of Safety Audit report which reflects very positively on the progress made within Children’s Services. The Signs of Safety approach is relationship based, safety organised approach to child protections practice. The audit consists of six core activities: Parent Survey, Child Survey, Staff Culture Survey, Leadership [Culture Self Evaluation. Effective Safety Planning Case Audits and Core Data (which will be completed at a later date).

3.8.2 The parent and child surveys look at how well we engage with families, how effective the allocated worker is and how they communicate, listen and agree outcomes and actions which overall contributes to solving the issues they are experiencing. In the last three years the audit has recognised a clear and consistent upward trend in positive feedback with trust, satisfaction and a sense of being heard having been reported.

3.8.3 Other key areas which saw improvement include participation, engagement and a consistent approach along with leadership and staff culture. A summary of the reporting conclusions outline “These improvements reflect a strong organisational commitment to relationship-based practice and whole system change”.

3.8.4 There are areas which require us to keep the focus on and continue to make improvements through the learning and evidence available which will be shared in due course, but the overall positive progress will no doubt be a strength for the upcoming inspection.

### **3.9 Children’s Health Care and Justice Services Marketplace – Troon**

3.9.1 We facilitated a second cultural change and learning event in Troon on the 24<sup>th</sup> November for Children’s Health Care and Justice staff looking at learning from Integrated practice and developing a positive work culture as part of integrating services better. Around 150 staff attended throughout the day, and the session in November followed on from previous engagement sessions where staff identified particular areas that they felt would be beneficial to impact positive change. The session was identified at the cultural workshops in 2024.

- 3.9.2 Attended by Social workers, Health Visitors and School Nursing staff, they took the opportunity to use the time as a shared learning and understanding event where teams set their stalls out. This gave staff the opportunity to hear what work they were engaged with, models of care used, 'inspection ready' session and networking. May was a market stall event and November was a World Café event. This was a successful day and further learning opportunities will be progressed in the future.

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