
Minute of Integration Joint Board Meeting

Date: Wednesday 22nd June 2021

Time: 2pm

Place: MS Teams

Present

Councillor Julie Dettbarn (Chair)
Linda Semple (Vice Chair)
Councillor Hugh Hunter
Jean Ford
Councillor William Grant
Margaret Anderson
Councillor Philip Saxton

In Attendance

Tim Eltringham, Chief Officer & Director of Health and Social Care
Lisa Duncan, Chief Finance Officer, HSCP
Scott Hunter, Chief Social Work Officer, HSCP
Marie Oliver, Third Sector Representative, VASA
Martin Rogan, Representative Member for Carers
Karen Hedge, Independent Sector Representative
Billy McClean, Head of Community Health & Care Services
Mark Inglis, Head of Children's Health, Care & Justice Services
Elaine Hill, Allied Health Professional Advisor
Dr Philip Hokinson, Medical Professional that is not a GP
John Wood, Senior Manager, Policy, Performance & Commissioning
Phil White, Partnership Facilitator,
Stephanie Cox, Planning & Performance Officer
Faye Murfet, ADP Lead Officer
Laura Conaghan, Administration Assistant (Minute Taker)

Councillor J Dettbarn in the Chair

Apologies for Absence

1. Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Ewing Hope, Rosemary Robertson and Dr Simon Farrell.

Declarations of Interest

2. There were no Declarations of Interest.

Minute of Previous Meeting

3. The minute of the meeting held on 26th May 2021 (previously circulated) was approved by the Board.

Matters Arising

4. Public Health Update Report – The Board was advised that an update will be provided by Public Health at the meeting in October 2021. Lynn McNiven will lead on this.
5. Public Involvement Network Representation on IJB – The Board was advised that a request for notes of interest has been distributed, Kenny Mine is assisting.
6. Staffing Proposals – The Board was advised that the administration co-ordinator post has been withdrawn and the Performance Data Assistant post is expected to be filled in the next few months.

Chief Officer's Update Report

7. The Chief Officer noted that the number of Covid-19 cases have been rising which is having an impact on hospital services due to the increase of people requiring care. It was noted that the acute services are under immense pressure currently due to increased number of people requiring hospital beds. The Chief Officer confirmed that Social Work Services staff continue to work from home however this will continue to be reviewed following risk assessments and Scottish Government guidance.
8. The Chief Officer noted that there has been some traction following the revamp of the Strategic Planning Advisory Group and linkages between the Locality Planning Groups and 3rd Sector companies has been improving. J Wood confirmed that Marie Oliver, VASA, has been appointed as Vice Chair of the SPAG, which is an important and useful appointment due to already well established links with Locality Planning Groups and outside organisations.

9. The Chief Officer confirmed that additional Integration Joint Board Briefing sessions will take place over the summer recess period to allow for the Board and all Elected Members to review the publication of the Feely Report and the National Care Services Consultation.
10. **The Integration Joint Board noted the contents of the report.**

Annual Accounts

11. The Chief Finance Officer provided the Board with a copy of the unaudited annual accounts and confirmed that the external auditor, Deloitte are auditing these at present. The Chief Finance Office noted that the External Auditors will prepare a report and this will be presented to the Board in September 2021.
12. **The Integration Joint Board noted the verbal update by the Chief Finance Officer on the unaudited annual accounts.**

Financial Outturn 2020-21

13. The Chief Finance Officer confirmed that there is an outlined underspend in the unaudited annual accounts of £10.205m, which includes the Lead Partnership underspend and additional funding to support Covid-19 spends. The Chief Finance Officer confirmed that South Ayrshire Council were underspent by £8.128m, the NHS underspent by £0.550m and the Lead Partnership arrangements underspent by £1.527m.
14. The Chief Finance Officer confirmed that due to non-reoccurring funding during 2020-21, it has made it harder to plan medium and long term financial goals for 2021-22. It was noted that the debt owed to South Ayrshire Council requires to be repaid by end of 2022. The Chief Officer confirmed that the issue of non-reoccurring funding is an issue felt throughout Scotland.
15. **The Chief Finance Officer was thanked for a clear and concise paper. The Board agreed to note the contents of the paper.**

Reserves Position & Investment Proposals

16. The Chief Finance Officer confirmed that with the underspend of £10.205m, that £6.355m has been earmarked for specific purposes and £3.851m yet to be committed.
17. In relation to uncommitted funds, the Chief Finance Officer stated:

“The uncommitted reserve can be used for specific purposes as detailed in the Reserves Strategy. Funds are set aside to deal with unexpected events and emergencies, otherwise known as financial planning or uncommitted reserves held to meet:

- Cost of potential commitments that may occur in the short to medium term
- To fund capacity with service priorities as set out in the Strategic Plan.”

18. The Chief Finance Officer noted that funds have been requested to be set aside for Adult Nursing and Learning Disability work. Dr Hodgkinson highlighted the high number of delayed discharges and queried if some funds should be focused on reducing this. The Chief Finance Officer confirmed that £1m was invested in reablement during the 2021 period and further funding presentations will be made in relation to this when they are ready.

19. **The Board agreed to note the contents of this report.**

Alcohol & Drug Partnership (ADP) Budget Report

20. The Chief Social Work Officer highlighted that there was an emergency on drug related deaths within Scotland currently however, South Ayrshire ADP is “ahead of the game” on completing a learning review. It was noted that a full report on work streams will be presented to the Board in the future.

21. F Murfet stated that a letter was issued from the Scottish Government confirming that South Ayrshire ADP’s baseline funding for 2021-22 will be £3,715,311. F Murfet noted that the First Minister has also confirmed an additional £50m to support the National Mission to reduce Drug Related Deaths in Scotland, which sees an additional £68,382 allocated to South Ayrshire.

22. **The Vice-Chair requested a further paper to be submitted to the Board to show a breakdown of how funding will be spent.**

23. **The Chief Social Work Officer & F Murfet thanked for their work within the ADP. The Board agreed to note the contents of this report.**

Children’s Services Plan Annual Report

24. M Inglis stated that the an initial South Ayrshire Children’s Services Plan was published in April 2017 with a refreshed plan issued in 2020. M Inglis confirmed that the plan sets out the following 5 priorities for the period of 2020-23:

1. Outstanding Universal Provision;
2. Tackling inequalities;
3. Love and Support for our Care Experience Young People and Young Carers;

4. Good Physical, Mental Health and Wellbeing and;
 5. Promoting Children's rights.
25. M Inglis highlighted that since the implementation of this plan, there has been a 43% reduction in children and young people being referred to the Children's Reporter. M Inglis confirmed that this plan was created prior to Covid-19 measures being put in place however high-level support still remains in place for Child Protection cases and Out with Authority Placements.
 26. Councillor Grant thanked M Inglis and his team for the report and noted it felt like a breath of fresh air in relation to Children's Services. The Vice-Chair seconded this and highlighted the great outcomes/impacts throughout the report.
 27. **The Board agreed to note the contents of this report.**

Primary Care Improvement Plan

Vicki Campbell, Head of Primary and Urgent Care Services, was welcomed to today's meeting and thanked for her time.

28. V Campbell confirmed that the Primary Care Improvement Plan was required to be presented to all 3 Integration Joint Boards in Ayrshire due to not being presented since December 2019. V Campbell noted that East Ayrshire Health & Social Care are the Lead Partnership for the implementation of the Primary Care Improvement Plan however, this was stepped down in until October 2020 to allow for focused efforts to be made in relation to the Covid-19 pandemic.
29. V Campbell stated that there has been a significant recruitment process within the last 3 years in Pharmacotherapy Services with 123 staff being recruited to allow for every GP Practice in Ayrshire & Arran to have access to a Pharmacotherapy service by March 2022.
30. P White noted that the Primary Care Team is a huge team and there have been significant improvements made over the last 3 years. P White thanked V Campbell and her team for all their hard work. The Chief Officer wholly endorsed the report and agreed that East Ayrshire HSCP have led on the implementation of the plan very well. The Chief Officer advised that there is a huge amount of work required to engage in an effective and collaborative way with colleagues to allow for early intervention to work effectively within our communities.
31. **The Board agreed to note the contents of the report.**

Any Other Business

32. As there was no further matters to discuss, the meeting closed at 15.35pm.

Date of Next Meeting

33. Wednesday 22nd September 2021 at 2pm via Teams.