

Meeting of South Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership	Integration Joint Board		
Held on	17 February 2021		
Agenda Item:	5		
Title:	Chief Officer's update report		
Summary:			
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) COVID-19 Response, Recovery and Mobilisation b) NHS Remobilisation Plan 3 c) Update on Review of Social Work d) Strategic Plan consultation update e) Carefirst f) Independent Review of Adult Social Care 			
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Recommendations:			
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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	<input type="checkbox"/>
		ICT	<input type="checkbox"/>

CHIEF OFFICER'S REPORT

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

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- a) COVID-19 Response, Recovery and Mobilisation
- b) NHS Remobilisation Plan 3
- c) Update on Review of Social Work (provided by Scott)
- d) Strategic Plan consultation update
- e) Carefirst
- f) Independent Review of Adult Social Care

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.

COVID-19 Response, Recovery and Mobilisation

3.2 South Ayrshire remains under the same lockdown measures as the rest of mainland Scotland announced in December 2020. The impact on services continues to be significant however the December lockdown measures did not require any further change to our service models deployed under the previous Tier 4 measures. The main impact for IJB members to note since the previous meeting is the additional pressure on our services caused by the winter spike in COVID-19 infection. As requested by the IJB, a COVID-19 Response and Recovery Activity Tracker is provided at [Appendix 1](#). The document is regularly reviewed by DMT and complements reporting through NHS and Council management structures.

3.3 The HSCP continues to operate on an 'emergency footing' with the DMT (Directorate Management Team) holding a COVID-19 operational meeting three times per week and the NHS and Council holding increased senior management meetings attended by the HSCP Chief Officer, Heads of Service and Senior Managers as appropriate.

3.4 A wide range of services continue to be delivered on an adapted basis, using digital technology to engage remotely with the people we support and with many office staff working from home (all desk-based council staff continue to work from home until further notice). Through our daily South Ayrshire Care Home Oversight Group, we provide support and oversight to care homes with a recent

focus on supporting homes to achieve vaccination targets for their staff. The Oversight Group agenda also covers day care and care at home services.

3.5 IJB members may wish to note the specific updates on vaccinations and testing below and officers will be happy to answer any further questions in the meeting.

COVID-19 testing

3.6 All HSCP “front-facing” staff are now being provided with Lateral Flow Testing (LFT) kits and asked to test twice weekly; this includes Nursing, Social Work, AHP, Bank Staff, Mental Health, Learning Disability, Community Hospital and other staff, for example those linked to GP Practices. Written guidance and a training video have been employed to ensure good testing procedures.

3.7 Staff within Care Homes (internal and external) are also carrying out weekly PCR testing as well as twice weekly LFT. LFT testing has been extended to all independent and third sector providers with front-facing staff such as Care at Home, Day Care, Personal assistants, Sheltered Housing, etc. There are plans to extend testing to all Primary Care Staff and Children’s Service staff and there has been a successful LFT testing pilot at Belmont Academy cluster.

3.8 There are also Mobile Testing Units deployed across South Ayrshire for symptomatic LFT testing and the likely deployment of a mobile unit for asymptomatic testing particularly targeting areas with high infection rates. Testing across the whole Ayrshire health and care system (and beyond) is planned through NHS Bronze/Silver/Gold planning groups, supported by Public Health.

COVID-19 vaccinations

3.9 As per the Scottish Government guidelines and NHS Ayrshire and Arran, all health and social care staff (including all staff within the HSCP) have now been offered a vaccine. Uptake has been tracked by the HSCP at team level and all eligible staff are strongly encouraged to take up the offer albeit the scheme continues to be voluntary.

3.10 Within care homes, progress to vaccinate staff and residents has been excellent with over 74% of care home staff having received a first dose of the vaccine at the most recent report.

3.11 Further information for the public on the COVID-19 vaccination programme within Ayrshire and Arran can be found [here](#).

NHS Remobilisation Plan 3

3.12 IJB Members should note that the HSCP is currently contributing to the drafting of NHS Ayrshire and Arran’s Remobilisation Plan 3 which, for 2021-22, replaces the requirement for an NHS Board Annual Operating Plan. The NHS Board is required to submit a Plan to Scottish Government with contributions from each HSCP, outlining the operational plans for a one year period, focusing on COVID-19 response, additional pressures incurred as a result of COVID-19 as well as plans to maintain service provision and drive continuous improvement

over the twelve month period. The commissioning letter from Scottish Government requires specific sections on Primary, Community and Social Care and on Supporting the Safe Provision of Adult Social Care.

3.13 A final draft copy will be circulated to the IJB ahead of the next Board meeting on 24th March.

Update on Reconstructing Adult Social Work Services in South Ayrshire

3.14 “*Social work in its various forms addresses the multiple, complex transactions between people and their environments. Its mission is to enable all people to develop their full potential, enrich their lives, and prevent dysfunction. Professional social work is focused on problem solving and change. As such, social workers are change agents in society and in the lives of the individuals, families and communities they serve. Social work is an interrelated system of values, theory and practice*”. International Federation of Social Work

3.15 The COVID-19 pandemic has had significant impacts on Social Work services and as our health and social care systems begin to recover we now wish to reconstruct our adult Social Work services. We anticipate this programme, Reconstructing Social Work, will encapsulate best practice and include learning and actions in relation to:

- The organisational difficulties Social Workers face in their day to day work
- Leadership and management
- Professional development
- Articulation of the professional task, values and ethics
- Collaboration within an integration framework

3.16 The timescales for this work are scheduled to begin in April 2021 and report by the year end.

Strategic Plan

3.17 At the 16th December meeting, the IJB agreed to remit approval of the Draft Strategic Plan consultation document to the Strategic Planning Advisory Group (SPAG). The SPAG agreed the document on 26th January and the consultation is now live and can be found [here](#). A briefing will take place with members ahead of the 17th February IJB and the final version will be taken to the 24th March IJB meeting for approval.

3.18 The consultation exercise is focused on the online questionnaire which can be completed by all (individual citizens, staff or partner organisations). This will be supplemented by a range of other engagement activities including focused sessions at all Locality Planning Groups, further staff engagement, a bespoke session with the third sector (hosted by VASA) and further engagement with people supported by HSCP services.

Carefirst update

3.19 The IJB have previously agreed to receive regular updates on the progress on the implementation of Carefirst across the HSCP.

- 3.20 Finance Phase 1 is progressing on track with the training of admin and finance teams complete. User Acceptance Testing will be complete in February and any amendments required to the set up will be actioned by mid-March, to allow the commencement of manual migration of service package information from SWIS to Carefirst.
- 3.21 Two working groups have been set up to further improve and streamline processes. One group is defining the retention policy and access to information contained in SWIS and Carefirst to ensure compliance with GDPR and Social Care Standards. The other working group is reviewing current adult community care process for requesting a service from external providers. The IS team continue to support Adult/Older People, Children & Families and Criminal Justice Services and we are offering additional support and one-to-one training sessions for staff who need it.

Independent Review of Adult Social Care

- 3.22 Recommendations from the Independent [Review](#) of Adult Social Care were published on 3rd February 2021. The review was led by Derek Feeley, a former Scottish Government Director General for Health and Social Care and Chief Executive of NHS Scotland. Mr Feeley was supported by an Advisory Panel comprising Scottish and International experts.
- 3.23 The recommendations are wide-ranging and are likely to have a significant impact on future policy in health and social care. The report covers unpaid carers, the importance of a human rights based approach, explores the purpose of social care and sets out proposals for new national model of accountability for social care. A short video can be viewed here: <https://youtu.be/bEt9NwtXpE>.
- 3.24 Members should note that the report is yet to receive a formal response from the Scottish Government and its proposals reflect the views of the Review Chair and the Advisory Panel. Implementation of any structural / legislative changes recommended by the Review will be subject to political decisions over the coming months (and beyond) however the HSCP officer team will reflect on elements of good practice highlighted within the Review that may be usefully incorporated into our revised Strategic Plan.

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