

Meeting of South Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership	Strategic Planning Advisory Group	
Held on	27th October 2021	
Agenda Item:	6	
Title:	South Ayrshire Learning Disability Strategy	
Summary:		
The purpose of this report is to provide members with an update on the progress of refreshing the Adult Learning Disability Strategy.		
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It is recommended that the Strategic Planning Advisory Group:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Notes the progress made in refreshing the Adult Learning Disability Strategy 		
Route to meeting:		
A report was presented to the Integration Joint Board (IJB) on 24 March 2021. A report was presented to SPAG on 20 April 202, 15 June 2021 and 31 August 2021. This is a regular progress report on the refresh of the Adult Learning Disability Strategy.		
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		ICT <input type="checkbox"/>

ADULT LEARNING DISABILITY STRATEGY

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

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2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 It is recommended that the Strategic Planning Advisory Group:

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3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3.1 South Ayrshire IJB has delegated authority for all adult learning disability services within South Ayrshire, currently working under the existing [Adult Learning Disability Strategy](#) which runs to 2022. The existing strategy applies to all adults with learning disabilities, including those aged from 16 years onwards who are in transition into adult services. The Strategy sought to signal a change in what people can expect and a shift to being supported within the community; and details how communities can support this shift. It was developed with a clear reference to the 2013 Keys to Life national strategy for learning disability.

3.2 People with a learning disability, their families and carers have the right to be valued as individuals and lead fulfilling lives. They have the right to access and participate in their communities and benefit from a fair and inclusive society as well as contributing to the local economy.

3.3 South Ayrshire HSCP has made good progress on delivering the extant Learning Disability strategy (reported to the Performance and Audit Committee) but with the policy landscape changing (e.g. the recent publication of a refreshed national learning disability strategy 'Keys to Life' and the implications of the Review of Adult Social Care), and our services having to adapt to the impact of COVID-19, the time is now right to draft a new strategy. This follows the publication of the IJB Strategic Plan, allowing for alignment to the HSCP's overall strategic objectives.

3.4 At its meeting on 24 March 2021, the IJB agreed that work will begin to develop a revised Adult Learning Disability Strategy for the HSCP; that the drafting should be taken forward by officers in close collaboration with a range of partners (including the Scottish Commission for Learning Disability) and be overseen by the IJB's Strategic Planning Advisory Group. The revised strategy will be brought to the IJB for approval by the end of 2021.

3.5 To develop the strategy, the HSCP has formalised a strategic partnership with the Scottish Commission for Learning Disability (SCLD) to support us through the drafting process with their expertise.

4. REPORT

4.1 Since the last update to SPAG in August 2021, there has been considerable progress in the development of the revised Adult Learning Disability Strategy.

4.2 There has been a focus on engaging with people with learning disabilities over the last couple of months. A survey was distributed to all service users with a Freepost envelope to return by 31st August. An online version was also made available and promoted through HSCP channels. 90 responses were received in total and data is currently being analysed by SCLD. Following distribution of the survey, focus groups were arranged throughout September both in person across South Ayrshire and virtually, with virtual focus groups covering specific issues such as employability, housing and transitions. Focus groups were well attended during this period and feedback from both these sessions and the surveys will be used to inform the strategy.

4.3 Journey Mapping exercises are currently being carried out with service users, carers and staff members to capture the experiences of those accessing and delivering learning disability services in South Ayrshire. The SCLD have also carried out one-to-one interviews with staff members from different areas across South Ayrshire Council and HSCP.

4.4 A staff survey has also been developed and this was shared with staff on 8th October and will be open for 4 weeks. The survey is for frontline workers, including support workers, allied health professionals, social workers and social work assistants, and others who work solely or mainly with adults with learning disabilities. It is for workers in the public sector, private sector and third sector. The staff survey will be shared through the staff and providers newsletters and with managers to encourage staff to participate.

4.5 The Strategy Development Group continue to meet monthly. The Development Group continues to be well attended with a wide range of representatives from various service areas as well as a person who receives support and parents. The Group have agreed to theme each meeting around specific areas of focus for the Strategy, the first of which centred on Employability. Recent themes have included Housing and Health and Social Care. Follow-up meetings are then established to identify any potential actions to be included within the strategy.

4.6 A Steering Group also continues to meet monthly. This group was established to inform the Strategy Development Group and will remain in place for the duration of strategy development for those with a particular interest in this.

4.7 The Champions Board has continued to meet monthly and supports the development of the Strategy. The Champions Board is intended to remain in place to ensure continuous engagement and give those with learning disabilities a forum for making their views known beyond the launch of the Strategy.

4.8 Feedback from the Steering Group and Champions Board is given at the Strategy Development Group.

4.9 The Group are currently analysing the consultation feedback which will be pulled together into a report. Other key pieces of work of the group include data collation and analysis of the local picture; drafting of potential actions from follow-up meetings; Equality Impact Assessment being updated; the development of a Vision Statement and working through a Project Plan.

5. STRATEGIC CONTEXT

5.1 Learning disability services are a core service for the HSCP and are vital to driving our strategic objectives and improving outcomes for the community. The IJB Strategic Plan outlines seven key objectives and the Learning Disability Strategy will align clearly with these.

6. IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Financial Implications

6.1.1 There will ultimately be significant financial implications of the Learning Disability Strategy but these implications will be brought to the IJB as appropriate.

6.2 Human Resource Implications

6.2.1 There are no HR implications to agreeing this report.

6.3 Legal Implications

6.3.1 There are no legal implications to agreeing this report.

6.4 Equalities implications

6.4.1 A full equality impact assessment will be undertaken on the strategy.

6.5 Sustainability implications

6.5.1 There are no sustainability implications to agreeing this report.

6.6 Clinical/professional assessment

6.6.1 The views of professional groups will be taken into close consideration as the strategy is developed.

7. CONSULTATION AND PARTNERSHIP WORKING

7.1 Details on consultation and a partnership approach are set out above and will be further developed as the strategy is developed.

8. RISK ASSESSMENT

8.1 There is no risk associated with agreeing this report.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

[Coming Home Report, Scottish Government \(2018\)](#)

[Keys to Life, Scottish Government & COSLA \(2019 update\)](#)

[Independent Review of Adult Social Care, Scottish Government \(2021\)](#)

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